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Baylor receives D+ for sustainability

Efforts to increase efficiency not enough to avoid low grade

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Baylor earned a D+ on the College Sustainability Report Card, a study by The Sustainable Endowments Institute that graded 100 universities on issues relating to endowments and the environment. Baylor was not alone in scoring low. Other Texas schools were hardly better — the highest score was a C+, given to the University of Texas at Austin. Schools were graded in six categories: administration, cli-

mate change and energy, food and recycling, endowment transparency, green building, investment priorities and shareholder engagement. In an e-mail interview, Baylor's director of media relations Lori Scott Fogleman said Baylor has taken part in several initiatives to save energy and use renewable energy resources. "However, we do have room to improve," she said. "At present there are conversations being held across the university to determine how we can best improve our campus operations, including recycling and energy consumption, so that Baylor can lead the way in environmental stewardship." Dr. Larry Lehr, a senior

lecturer in the environmental studies department, said sustainability is something that must be addressed by universities like Baylor. Since they are as large as or larger than some cities, these schools face the same energy and waste management issues that cities do. "Sustainability is using resources for the present but planning in such a way that you plan them for the future also," Lehr said. "Basically make sure we can maintain our current lifestyle and make resources for the future so that they can maintain, if not the same lifestyle, a similar one." Baylor received a D in administration because, according to the study, Baylor "has

no formal policies that pursue campus sustainability," though "energy consumption has been reduced through building commissioning and the operation of a cogeneration facility." The university received a C in climate change and energy because of the cogeneration facility, which "produces energy 50 (percent) more efficiently than standard boilers." The study also mentioned building commissioning as helping to identify energy inefficiencies. Fogleman said the university has made recent progress in using renewable energy. "We know we have room to improve, but Baylor has taken some steps to improve, and we hope to continue to do that,"

she said, citing Baylor's new contract with WPS Energy Services, which was announced in February, as an example of progress. This contract allows wind-generated energy to be brought to the Texas power grid instead of using energy from a nonrenewable fuel. "Baylor, through our consistent retail demand, is ultimately financing and supporting the development of wind farms in Texas," said Don Bagby, director of facilities management at Baylor, in a press release. The study also graded universities on their endowments. Schools were rewarded for

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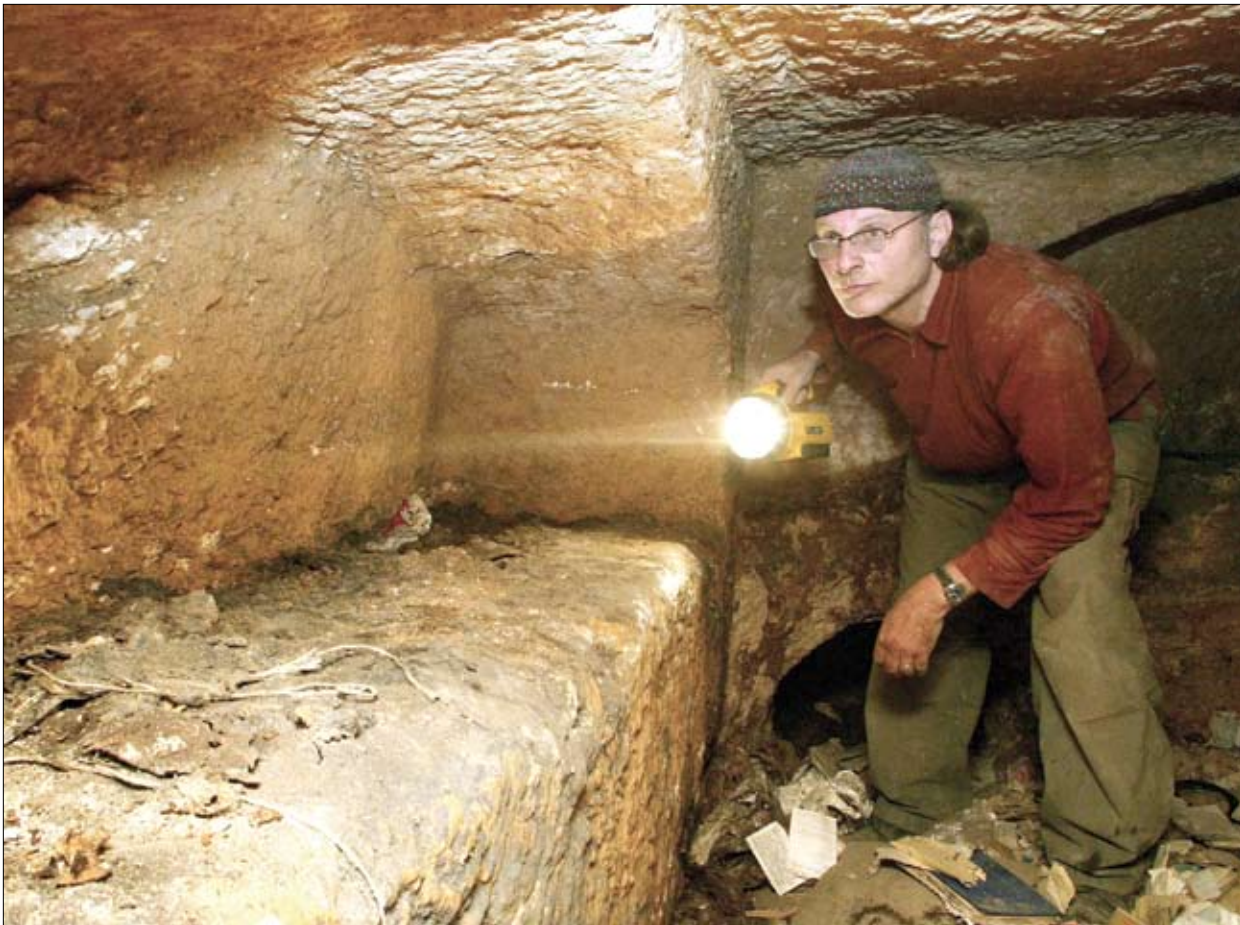
The unveiling of Jesus' tomb?

Scholars refute director's claim to have found Christ, family

By Claire St. Amant
Staff writer

Finding Jesus. It's the next best thing to finding Jimmy Hoffa's grave or hearing a new track from Tupac Shakur. Award-winning director James Cameron claims to have found the family tomb of Jesus, including his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and their child, Judah, on a special feature that aired Sunday amid a frenzy of media coverage. Dr. Mikeal Parsons, professor of religion, said there are a number of questions surrounding the so-called discovery. The tombs, located in Jerusalem, contain inscriptions mostly in Aramaic, except for Mary Magdalene's, which is written in Greek, and a few others written in Hebrew. Parsons said the burial boxes in first-century Jerusalem, called ossuaries, were almost always reused, a possible reason for the multiple languages. Dr. Britt Minshall, senior pastor of the Cathedral Church of St. Matthew in Baltimore and a leading theologian, said the languages and inscription style point to a Gnostic burial. "If it had been a Jewish family, it would've all been in Hebrew," Minshall said. "Aramaic wasn't used heavily for writing in that time period."

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Associated Press/Discovery Channel

Simcha Jacobovici, director of the Discovery Channel television show *The Lost Tomb of Jesus*, explores what he and award-winning director James Cameron claim to be the tomb of Jesus Christ.

Former student makes it big

Austin Miller moves into men's final four for shot on Broadway

By Melissa Limmer
Staff writer

Broadway could soon have a former Baylor Bear step into its spotlight. Former student Austin Miller, formerly John P. Miller, is a finalist on the NBC television show *You're the One that I Want*. The reality competition is searching for the next actors to play Danny and Sandy in a revival of *Grease* to debut on Broadway in June. Miller is one of the four men left vying for the starring role as Danny. *You're the One that I Want* airs live at 7 p.m. Sunday.



Miller

The show keeps Miller busy during the week with 12 to 13 hours of rehearsals per day. "Mondays and Tuesdays are pretty relaxed," Miller said. But as Sunday approaches, he said, things get "totally out of control." Miller said the live reality show experience has "completely consumed" his life. "It has been some of the high-

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Record industry drops hammer on music thieves

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

The Recording Industry Association of America is cracking down on students who download copyrighted materials. Ohio University leads the association's top-25 list of offenders — it has received 1,287 notifications of illegal activities so far this academic year. Purdue University was second,

with 1,068 notifications, and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln was third, with 1,002 notices. According to the association, when it sends a notification to a university, that school generally forwards the notice to the student. Ohio University has revoked some network rights from students who have been notified. Days after the association

published its top-25 list, the association sent 13 colleges a total of 400 "pre-litigation" letters warning students of impending lawsuits and asking for settlements. Officials at the association have not commented on amounts of money they are asking for beyond saying that it is a substantial amount. Baylor has not been mentioned in any of the associa-

tion's illegal activities lists, and Information Security Officer Jon Allen declined to comment on whether Baylor has received any notifications. Allen said Baylor's General Counsel disseminates information about any actions Baylor takes that have legal ramifications (such as preventing illegal downloads). General counsel officials likewise chose not to comment

on any notifications the university has or has not received. Baylor does have several standing policies on illegal online activities, including this statement: "Federal law prohibits the transmission (sharing) of copyrighted materials without express written permission from the copyright holder. Copyrighted works (includ-

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Passport laws could put strain on travel plans

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

If you're thinking of heading below the border this spring break, you may want to think again — the rules have changed for intercontinental travel. Beginning Jan. 23, all air travelers returning to the United States from Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean were required to present a valid passport. That's an expected change, since it's a part of a phased law that took effect at the end of 2005. Starting Jan. 1, 2008, all people traveling by land, sea or air between the United States and its neighbors will need pass-

ports. That date may be bumped back by Congress if the Departments of State and Homeland Security don't meet security requirements on schedule. All travelers, whether citizens or not, must present a valid passport, Air NEXUS card, U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document or Alien Registration Card when entering the United States by air. "I think that's a good thing, for the most part," said Griffin Kelp, a Cincinnati sophomore who's leading a missions group to Monterrey, Mexico, over spring break. He said past groups have had some problems getting back

into the United States and that passports smooth the travel process. The added cost of a passport hasn't been prohibitive for this year's group, and all of those travelers were aware of the changes to the law well in advance. Since the group is driving, members won't need passports, but Kelp has been encouraging members to get them anyway. Kelp said recent changes to the law haven't put a hold on his travel plans. "But that's just for us," he said. "I can see how that would be a huge issue for (legal) immigrants and people who cross the border every day."

Joe Bush, managing director of StudentCity, a travel agency that advertises itself as "the ultimate spring break experience," said in an e-mail interview that his company has been largely unaffected so far by the legal changes. "Most of the students who travel with StudentCity plan their trips well in advance, and we've taken every opportunity to encourage travelers to renew their passports immediately rather than waiting until the last minute," Bush said. "Planning ahead has always been beneficial to students, and it seems it's

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Melea Burke/
Lariat staff

Keep Lady Bears on the radar during March Madness

When March Madness cranks up this weekend and you begin filling out those men's NCAA tournament brackets, I hope you're not forgetting about the "other" basketball. The one that's been gaining steam in the public eye for the past decade. The one that helped push Baylor toward national athletic relevance. The one that spawned "Got Mulk?" T-shirts and a successful white-out at the Ferrell Center.

That "other" basketball is the women's game, and that "other" team is our own Lady Bears.

Mulk, of course, refers to our own head Coach Kim Mulkey, considered a miracle worker in the realm of women's basket-

ball.

As if turning around a program that had been to two NCAA tournaments in its 25-year existence wasn't enough, she won a national championship in her fifth year. That's not just her fifth year at Baylor — that's her fifth year as a head coach.

Rumors have sprouted that Mulkey is shooting up lists for head coaching vacancies all over the country. Now that Pokey Chapman is out as head coach at Louisiana State University, expect the Tigers to pursue Louisiana native Kim Mulkey aggressively.

But one of the greatest entries on her resume will be what she

sports take



BY WILL PARCHMAN

was able to do with this year's team. After losing All-American Sophia Young and three other impact seniors, she was looking at a team with six freshmen and a transfer player — who'd never played a game with Baylor — to help lead them all.

Somehow, some way, as if she wasn't there already, Mulkey coached her way into the pan-

theon of elite women's basketball coaches.

The team won 25 games, more than any other team in the Big 12, and never lost to an unranked team. They went through a grueling schedule, playing 16 teams in the Ratings Percentage Index Top 50 and still finished third in the conference. The Lady Bears did exactly what every young team is taught — beat the teams you're supposed to beat and the rest will fall into place.

What's falling into place now is a No. 5 or 6 seed in the NCAA tournament barring a great performance in the Big 12 tournament. The team would have

accepted that seeding with open arms in August. But Mulkey didn't do it by herself. She's had some help from Waco's own.

Women's basketball at Baylor exemplifies the kind of quality fans that Baylor has. In my experience, women's basketball draws the best Baylor crowds.

The fans are intelligent, deafeningly loud and seem to genuinely understand the team.

Success breeds that kind of attitude. It's why the Baylor football team broke Floyd Casey Stadium's all-time attendance record against Texas A&M University this season. Fans see a tangible product, something they can get behind, and there's

no stopping them.

Look no further than the Lady Bears' home record this season as proof. After Baylor completed a season sweep of Oklahoma State University, OSU head Coach Kurt Budke said the Ferrell Center is probably the toughest place to play in the Big 12. The 17 teams that lost to Baylor in Waco this year would probably agree with him.

So when tourney time rolls around and you're bathing in the glow of March Madness, click over to a Baylor women's game or two. I have a feeling you're going to like what you see.

Will Parchman is a junior journalism major from Austin.

Editorial

Get on the tax-free textbook bandwagon

Every student likes to gripe about how expensive college is. Tuition rates have been climbing every year and the prospects of students getting relief were looking bleak until just recently.

A recent series of bills have been proposed in the Texas Legislature that would create two 10-day tax-free periods during the spring and fall for purchasing textbooks.

An upwelling of support is rising from students in all of the major schools in Texas.

It looks as if the response to these bills could be an important stepping stone for a movement to demand that the cost of college be made more affordable.

According to The College Board, annual tuition fees have risen 7 percent for public universities and nearly 6 percent at private universities for the 2005-2006 school year from the year before. Such increases happen year after year.

Waco's current sales tax rate is 8.25 percent. According to research by The University of Texas, a student could save an average of \$300 over the course of a four-year college education based on this rate.

According to The College Board, this nears the total amount that the cost of attending a public university has risen

in just the last year alone.

If the \$300 were broken down over two semesters for four years, students would be saving \$37.50 each time they bought their books.

And on years when a student may have to make a particularly large purchase, a \$700 tax-free book purchase would save nearly \$60. What students couldn't use that kind of money in their pockets?

Some things, such as water, medicine and certain food items, are not taxed by the state because they are considered necessities.

But textbooks are not simply luxury items — they are essential. Every student needs textbooks just as every family needs milk.

Many students have to stagger their book purchases throughout the first few weeks of the semester due to their exorbitant costs.

Perhaps the sales tax on textbooks should be removed altogether. But whether or not it is removed, the legislation is definitely a step in the right direction.

Support for the bills originated with



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the student government at the University of Texas, and subsequent rallies and postcard campaigns have gained momentum for the issue.

Since then, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and 11 other schools have joined the campaign.

Student Senate at Baylor passed a resolution supporting the campaign in its March 1 meeting. It will be sent to Baylor Ambassadors as well as local legislators.

While it seems Baylor has jumped onto the bandwagon a bit late compared to the other schools, we can still fight for change by adding our voices to

this important cause.

Lake Jackson senior John Nicholson recently said he planned on getting a table set up in order to provide information and postcards for students to send to representatives.

We commend these efforts and hope that such calls to action come to fruition.

We'd also like to also thank State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and Rep. Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, for offering these bills to the Legislature and being advocates for affordable college education across the state.

We urge the student body to take

part in this campaign. Pick up a postcard, write a letter and call your local representatives. Encourage them to support Senate Bill 49 and House Bill 1434.

A statewide "lobby day" has also been planned for April 11 in Austin. It is important for us to get involved and lend our voices to this event as well.

Don't let it stop at this one issue. Help work to sustain momentum in order to demand affordable costs for a college education.

After all, democracy works at its best when people come together and make their voices heard to demand change.

Letters to the editor

College important? Of course

In Jordan Daniel's column "Public school system creates dumb college students," he claims that public schools are failing our students and the result is dumb college students who take up space and dilute the value of a degree. Daniel asks, "Is college really for everyone?" The simple answer is overwhelmingly yes.

As an education major, one of my main goals is to try and convince my students of the necessity of a college education.

A college degree is more than just a rolled-up parchment you can point to and say "Hey, look how smart I am."

A degree is a valuable tool that will open worlds of opportunities. Without one, their jobs will be limited to low-paying

service industry jobs. Without a college education, one is less likely to vote and therefore will lose representation in government.

If we were to neglect the "dumb kids" in our higher education system, we'd succeed in churning out an elitist class of coffee drinking, Nietzsche-regurgitating graduates.

A great social injustice would be committed and a great step back will have been taken.

One of the greatest things about America is that we have a system of higher education that allows for equal opportunity among different classes and races.

I hope Daniel can thank the person in his life that helped him transition to college. Hopefully he will soon realize the

importance of his education when he graduates.

As for me, I'll continue preaching the importance of college to my students no matter what.

Michael Mahone
Secondary Education, 2008
Questions left at end of study

The Lariat's article, "Faculty faith study stopped," missed an opportunity to explore some important questions.

Regrettably, alarmist cries have cowed a professor into abandoning his scholarship. No university, least of all Christian university, should celebrate such things.

What kinds of ominous questions did Dr. Sherr propose exploring?

Try these: Are there better or

worse ways to integrate faith and learning in the classroom? If so, what are they? What insights do students have to offer on these matters? What forms of Christian learnedness do students most admire and least appreciate in professors?

Had Sherr not been intimidated into abandoning his study, my supposition is that it would have confirmed intuitive judgments most of us share.

Students value their professors' authenticity over any form of artifice, and value naturally emergent discussions over strained sermonizing.

Beyond the scope of the study are further questions. Can "Christian education" be quantified? What of the richness of Christianity and teaching is irretrievably lost in any

social scientific survey of it? Do we have anything to learn from such accounts nevertheless?

As a philosopher, I share Dr. Hanks' misgivings about the capacity of social scientific research, useful as it is, to tell us everything we should know about the richness of Christian faith. Still, I was glad to see Sherr give us his best shot.

Questions uniquely relevant to Baylor also call for discussion. Do we trust one another enough to allow conversation about complex issues? Are we prepared to allow that, if we affirm academic freedom, some faculty may pursue scholarship that makes us uncomfortable? Does our discomfort justify obstruction of the research?

What kind of a university have we become if The Lariat

must report, "Faculty faith study stopped"? Does the deeply personal nature of our love for God make it a private matter, fit for no one's attention but our own? Or does the deeply personal nature of our faith make it all the more important for us to explore it together?

Our students and faculty are mature enough to examine these questions and understand that hard thinking about complex questions sometimes brings us to different conclusions.

It's the great merit of universities to provide a venue for thinking, research and debate.

Our shared task at Baylor should be to encourage such.

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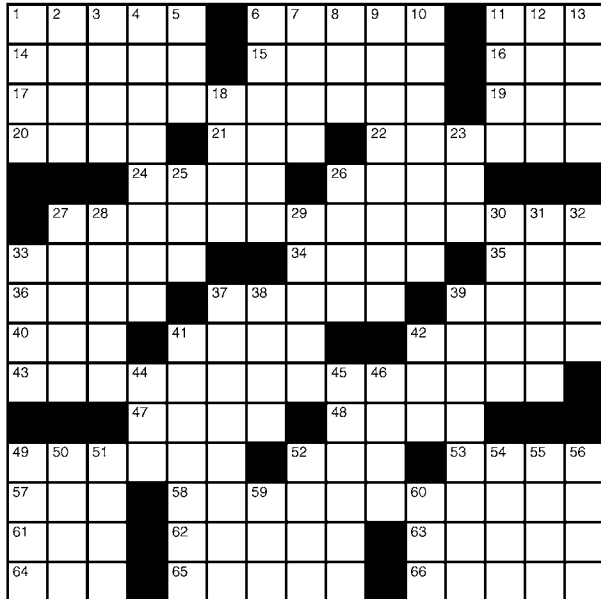
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Baseball tourney a reunion for Smith

By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

After starting its season 9-1 at home, the Baylor baseball team (10-6) plays 10 of its next 11 games at the Baylor Ballpark, starting this weekend with the second annual Quala-T Imprints Classic. The Bears are scheduled to play San Francisco University at 6:30 p.m. today, Mississippi State University at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Winthrop University at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sophomore shortstop Beamer Weems, who leads Baylor with three home runs and 15 RBIs, said this pool of teams will challenge Baylor's squad.

"It's going to be fun playing this caliber of teams," he said. "Outside of a few bad games, we've been playing pretty well. Overall, I think we're pretty excited about it."

For Baylor head Coach Steve Smith, this tournament will be a reunion. It was under Mississippi State head Coach Ron Polk — the winningest coach in the history of the Southeastern Conference — that Smith got his start in college coaching.

He was an assistant under Polk at Mississippi State for five years prior to accepting the head coaching job at Baylor. He said he owes much of his success to his time spent with Polk.

"There isn't enough time for me to say all I need to say about Coach Polk," Smith said.



David Poe/Lariat staff

Dustin Dickerson, 19, swings away Tuesday during the Bears' game against the Texas State Bobcats, which Baylor won 6 to 4.

"He has forgotten more baseball than I'm ever going to know. I wouldn't be coaching here if it weren't for him."

Smith has shown his appreciation for Polk with actions as well as words.

"I bought eight seats in our ballpark, and they bear the names of six family members and two coaches," he said. "You can find one with Ron Polk's name on it on the first base side of the stadium."

Smith also worked with Winthrop's head Coach Joe Hudak as assistants at Mississippi State for two years. Smith said he's looking forward to seeing a lot of friends this weekend, but there's still baseball to be played.

The Bears open the weekend with a rematch against San Francisco, a team they played at the University of Pacific tournament last weekend. The Bears won 5-4 in comeback fashion the first time the teams met. Smith said his team was fortunate to win the last time it played and it will have to play well to come out

with wins this weekend.

Friday's game marks a stretch of 23 of 26 games against opponents that made the NCAA tournament last season.

Junior middle reliever Tim Matthews, who's posted a 0.64 ERA in 14 innings this season, said he enjoys getting to play three quality teams in one weekend.

"It's fun to get to play a variety of teams," he said. "We've got conference coming up next weekend, so it's fun to get a mixture of teams from a bunch of different places."

Smith said he's going to use this weekend to try a new pitching rotation.

With freshman Wade Mackey taking over the weekday starter role, Smith said he's going to give freshman right hander Kendall Volz a shot at the weekend rotation.

Volz will start Saturday's game, while senior Jeff Mandel will take the mound today and junior Randall Linebaugh is set to pitch on Sunday.

Comedian gets laughs for Lord

By Kirsten Horne
Reporter

Catch them with comedy, keep them with the truth.

Michael Jr. lives by this slogan. A nationally-known comedian, Michael makes his living by bringing laughter and smiles to people's lives.

The comedian will perform at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. March 17 at Victorious Life Church in Waco.

He performs across the nation and has appeared on NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and BET's *Comic View*.

Just two days after graduating high school in his hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich., Michael realized he had a gift, and his career as a comic began.

"I was sitting at a movie theater with my friends when the screen went black," Michael said. "A friend of mine dared me to go up to the front and tell a joke. Back then, of course, I would take any dare thrown my way, so I did it."

In front of 400 disgruntled moviegoers, Michael told the one joke he knew at the time. People roared with laughter and begged for more.

From then on, Michael said he felt a desire to continue comedy.

"I was blessed by God to see these people loving my talents," Michael said. "I felt I had to pursue it."

When asked what drives him to do comedic performances, Michael jokingly answered, "Well, I have this Yukon XL that I love. It gets me there just fine."

He later admitted that what keeps him going is his love of making people laugh.

"When I first started this, I

always searched for what I could get out of each performance," Michael said. "But really, it's more than that. Now I look for what it is that I can give to people. You never know about your audience that day. They may be really looking for a laugh, and that is what I am trying to give them."

Michael said he believes laughter is healing.

"I know I am not a doctor," Michael said. "I don't even charge that much. I just know that people can have problems that day, and they come to me for a laugh."

He said he hopes to spread his message to those in Central Texas when he comes next week.

"I want people to know that church is fun and it's cool," he said. "Sometimes it can be too heavy, but I think it's not like it used to be. I believe God wants us to laugh."

He said it's a blessing to perform in church.

"I perform all over," Michael said. "I go to comedy clubs around the nation, but in the clubs I just make them laugh. That's really it."

Michael said he enjoys performing in churches because he's able to let his audience know there's a reason behind the laughter.

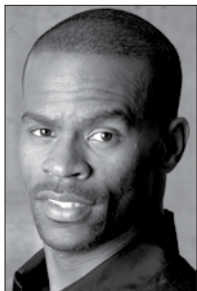
"God made me funny to glorify him with my words," he said.

Kevin Harrison, senior pastor at Victorious Life Church, said he agrees with the words behind Michael's act.

"Michael really has a good message," Harrison said. "He is providing us with this amazing opportunity to hear him and just have a good laugh."

Matt Johnson, youth minister at Victorious Life Church, said he is looking forward to the performance as well.

"This will be the funniest act to come to Waco," Johnson said. "He is funny and loves the Lord at the same time. Any crowd will love him."



Michael Jr.

Senate allocates funds for 3 events

By Kate Boswell
Staff writer

Senate voted Thursday to allocate funds to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Kappa Delta Chi and Kappa Phi Gamma.

The vote was 19-15 with one abstention and five conflicts of interest to allocate up to \$2,000 to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars to hold its March to College Day on March 23. According to the bill, the purpose of the day is to promote higher education to high school students in the Waco area. Speakers will include former Minnesota Vikings players and Baylor alumni Allen Rice and Alfred Anderson and former Baylor

football coach Grant Teaff.

"I think this is something that is not only going to affect Baylor students but potential Baylor students, as well as giving Baylor a positive image in the Waco community," said Lauren Micek, an Irvine, Calif. senior.

Senate voted 35-3 with one abstention to allocate \$760 to Kappa Delta Chi to host its Ultimate '80s Dance-Off, which will be held March 23.

"I was born in '85 and, as far as I can remember, the '80s were awesome," Midland senior Chaz Castillo said. "Also, it's good to know that these women are supporting this organization and this cause."

According to the bill, all pro-

ceeds will go to the American Cancer Society in Waco. Members said they hope to raise around \$1000.

Senate voted 39-0 with one abstention to allocate up to \$1,341 to Kappa Phi Gamma to host its CARE (Cancer Awareness—a Real Effort) Week.

"This group has clearly put in a lot of work, especially considering its size," El Paso junior Jen Kim said. "I just feel that this is a great event for the student body to attend."

According to the bill, all money will go to the Scott and White Cancer Center in Temple.

"We look forward to everyone's support," said Thomas Herndon, a Kansas City, Kan., junior and the bill's sponsor.

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Stompfest tickets on sale
Tickets are on sale now for Stompfest in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The event will be at 7:30 p.m. March 31 in Waco Hall and is presented by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Proceeds will benefit the Sickle Cell Anemia Association. For additional information, contact Student Activities at 710-2371.

Famous pianist plays recital
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Casinos may fund Texas education

By Kelley Shannon
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Big resorts with full casinos, shops and restaurants could be built in up to a dozen Texas cities under legislation proposed Thursday by two high-profile senators and backed by major gambling interests. Voters ultimately would have the say on the proposed consti-

tutional amendment legalizing casino gambling. A main selling point of the plan, the legislators contend, is a provision that would dedicate \$1 billion per year to a fund to pay for eligible Texans to attend a community college or public university. Sen. John Carona, a Dallas Republican, and Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat,

sponsors of the legislation, both said they aren't gamblers themselves. But they said casinos in Texas would slow the flow of gambling money leaving the state. They also said "destination resort casinos" will attract tourism money to the state for related activities, like high-end entertainment. "Texans are already voting

with their feet and going out of state," Ellis said. "It's time for Texas to reap the economic benefits and use that revenue to help Texas students go to college." The Ellis-Carona proposal would provide \$1 billion per year for a trust fund to pay for college tuition covering about 240,000 students once the program is fully running.

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ing but not limited to original writings, software, movies and music) may not be shared on the local network without written permission of the copyright holder." Reported student violations of this policy, as with other ITS online use policies, will result in loss of service for a minimum of one to four weeks. The Office of Judicial Affairs can take further action toward violators based on "the severity of the violation(s), the wishes of the student(s) involved and recommendations of ITS personnel." Becky King, interim CIO and director of information systems, said Baylor "wants to be as fair and consistent with students as possible, but we need to enforce the law." Like Allen, she declined to comment further on any specific preventive measures Baylor has taken to stop students from downloading copyrighted materials. But some preventive mea-

sures are in place, said John Nicholson, a Waco senior whose network privileges were revoked for about a week in 2004. As a freshman living on campus at the time, Nicholson set up his own encrypted peer-to-peer network using a free program called WASTE. He said his network was up for about a month, and between 12 and 24 users shared files and communicated over the network. ITS shut down Nicholson's user account because of the amount of encrypted traffic his network generated. After a meeting with Allen, Nicholson's case was brought up to Judicial Affairs, where he met with judicial affairs coordinator David Murdock and was charged with sharing copyrighted material. When ITS failed to produce a list of the copyrighted material Nicholson allegedly was sharing, the charge was downgraded to "possibly" sharing copyrighted material. Ultimately, the charges against Nicholson were dropped, and his user account

was restored. Nicholson said ITS likely discovered the peer-to-peer network through "deep packet inspection," which identifies different types of network traffic. Since Nicholson's network was encrypted, ITS officials became concerned that illegal activities were taking place. At the time, Baylor partly shut down peer-to-peer networks by using its firewall to block connections initiated by external peers. With this method in place, users on the Baylor campus could still connect to non-firewalled, external peers to download files, but outside users couldn't download files from the Baylor network, Nicholson said. Although Baylor may be using technological means to help prevent students' downloading and sharing illegal files, it doesn't appear to be using community leaders and other employees to do the same. Lindsey Taylor, a Weatherford senior working as a computing consultant in the Moody

Garden Laboratory, said she'd seen peer-to-peer programs running on the computers there. She said she hadn't been instructed to do anything about it — while she may have seen the programs running, she said there would be no way for her to know whether the downloaded material was copyrighted. She said students are responsible for their own actions, and that colleges should not be held liable just because students use university resources to download copyrighted music. A community leader who asked that his name be withheld said illegal downloading goes on in Baylor's residence halls. He said students on his hall use Limewire, a peer-to-peer program. He has not been instructed to interfere in any way unless students are downloading explicit material. Baylor should be using purely technological means to stop downloading, the community leader said. "We shouldn't have to monitor that kind of thing," he said.

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est highs and lowest lows," Miller said. "It is an emotional roller coaster." The stress can be high on a live show, where a contestant's survival is based on the votes of the American audience. Miller said he often feels like he is going to "pass out or throw up" before the show starts. To stay focused, he said, he listens to worship and praise artist Darlene Zschech before every show. "It helps me find my center," he said. Miller said he was surprised by the show's "faith-based environment." "It is very unexpected in this business," he said.

He found out about the auditions after being turned down for the role of Kenicke on Broadway. "The y

said I was not 'blue collar' enough," Miller said. But the producers did encourage Miller to try out for the TV competition. **You're the One that I Want** is not Miller's first time to perform on such a big stage. He played Kenicke on the national tour of **Grease** and Link Larkin on the first national tour of **Hairspray**. He has also had roles on NBC's **Days of our Lives**, as Hawk, and as a dancer in **America's Sweethearts**, which starred Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Miller attended Baylor on a vocal performance scholarship. While at Baylor, he was a member of Delta Tau Delta and a yell leader. "It was great," Miller said of his fraternity experience. "I sort of lived for it." Bobby Brown, a Houston junior and president of Delta Tau Delta's Baylor chapter, said if Austin is happy in doing theater "that is success in itself. "But it would be very solid if he won." Brown also said it's great for the fraternity to have a fellow brother be so successful. "Most Baylor Deltas would be excited and proud of a Baylor Delt who succeeds on this level," said.

"It is definitely something we will brag about," he added. Miller left Baylor before graduation to take a role in the Las Vegas production of **Starlight Express**. Michelle Mullholland, a December 2006 graduate, is from Miller's hometown of Alvin. "It is exciting to have someone from your small town (be on TV)," she said. She also said it was nice to add another name to Alvin's list of stars besides Nolan Ryan. Alvin is definitely excited about having a hometown boy making it big — the town celebrated Austin Miller Day on Monday.

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Minshall and Parsons both expressed skepticism about the inscriptions themselves. "It's not even clear that the name on the ossuary is Jesus," Parsons said. "It's scribbled." Minshall said he believes in addition to the use of Hebrew, more reverence would have been shown in the quality of the inscriptions for Jesus' family. "The names are extremely sloppy," he said. "They would've been done neatly by a scriptor to show reverence." Minshall said he was particularly intrigued by the decoration at the entrance of the tomb, con-

sisting of a circle and an inverted chevron shield. "That design came from a much later period than when Jesus would've been buried," he said. "It's Greek Gnostic at best." Concerning the location of the tomb, Parsons said Jewish custom called for burial in one's hometown, which in Jesus' case was Nazareth, not Jerusalem. Parsons said while it was feasible that Jesus' family had a burial plot in Jerusalem, he called the overall situation "unlikely," considering Joseph of Arimathea offered his tomb for Jesus because his family had none. Much of the attention sur-

rounding the tombs, which were found in 1980, hinges on recent DNA evidence that shows two of the specimens are unrelated, Parsons said. Considering it was Jewish custom to bury families together, scientists deduced the unrelated pair must have been a married couple. This information, combined with the name Jesus, caught the attention of our current culture, Parsons said. "The name of Jesus strikes us as unusual, but it wasn't at that time," he said. "We aren't looking at a unique cluster of names or credible DNA evidence. It's just been sensationalized." Dr. Sharyn Dowd, associate

professor of religion, said the problems with the tomb of Jesus are similar to those of **The Da Vinci Code**: a lack of historical accuracy. "The Bible doesn't make any family claims (about Jesus)," she said. "To make an argument that Jesus was not married is an argument from silence." Parsons also has trouble with the child in the tomb, who is named Judah. "There is not a shred of evidence that Jesus had a child," he said. Dowd, who said she hadn't

followed Cameron's research because she found it to be a "waste of time," preferred to focus on the facts about DNA evidence. "There is no way to prove the identity of ancient remains," she said. "You have to have DNA from the living in order to prove anything. You can show connections between remains, but you can't establish identity." Parsons also said the combination of the people in the tomb, like the apostle Matthew, doesn't follow historical records for Jesus' family. "Nowhere does it say that

Matthew was related to Jesus," he said. Despite all the historical and scientific discrepancies, Parsons said there's something positive to be gleaned from the media hype. "What all this says to me is that our culture simply isn't done with Jesus," he said. "Over two millennia has passed and we're still grappling with who Jesus is. People still want to know, and that's a good thing." Reporter Kirsten Horne contributed to this article.

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paying off in terms of adapting to the new passport rules as well." StudentCity plans trips for about 60,000 students each year, and Bush said the number of students using its services will likely increase in 2007 from

previous years. Passports cost \$82 for children under 16. Those above that age will pay \$97. Applications are available at two Waco locations: the Downtown Station, at 424 Clay Ave., or at the Woodway Station, 430 W. State Highway 6. Because passports are in

highest demand from February to April, passports have been taking about 10 weeks to process. But for an additional \$60 fee plus overnight delivery costs, expedited service is also available, cutting the timeline down to within four weeks, according to U.S. Department of State documentation.

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making proxy voting records and lists of endowment holdings public. Lehr said there is a connection between environmental issues and how a university invests its endowment. "If we see sustainability as a positive benefit, we have to ask: Are our actions matching our rhetoric?" Lehr said. "Are we investing in companies that are stewards for the environment? Are we careful about who we choose, or are we choosing investments based on what their highest return is?" Most schools scored high in the category of investment priorities. Baylor received a B for "investing to maximize profit" and "exploring renewable energy investment funds."

However, Baylor received an F in endowment transparency and shareholder engagement. According to the study, Baylor does not make its endowment holdings or proxy voting record public and "asks that its investment managers handle the details of proxy voting." Fogleman said she spoke with Jonathan Hook, Baylor's chief investment officer. "He told me that our endowment holdings are kept confidential in agreement with the board of regents and the investment committee," Fogleman said via e-mail. "He also said it's very typical for investment managers to handle the details of proxy voting, as you'll see if you check other universities' grades in that same category." The investment managers are better able to understand the is-

sues of the individual stocks than Baylor would be. "He said our investment managers are much closer to the individual stocks and the issues surrounding them, while Baylor looks at the entire portfolio," Fogleman said. Lehr said his department offers opportunities for students to get involved on this issue. "We are hoping to offer an energy-related class next semester that will get students out in the field doing projects that relate to energy consumption on campus," Lehr said. "(It will deal with) realistic things that will take them out of the laboratory and into the real world." The highest grade on the study, an A-, was received by Harvard University, Stanford University, Dartmouth College and Williams College.



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