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Soulforce members arrested on campus

Trespass charges land six demonstrators in McLennan County Jail

By Claire St. Amant
and Melissa Limmer
Staff writers

Six members of the gay advocacy group Soulforce Equality Ride were arrested Tuesday at Baylor on charges of criminal trespassing after they refused to stop chalking on campus.

The members congregated in front of Waco Hall around 2 p.m. and began chalking what they called “messages of love and hope.”

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said officers asked the Soulforce members to stop chalking before arresting them, but they refused. He said none of the six people arrested was a Baylor student.

The arrests were made by Baylor police officers dressed in civilian clothing who had been patrolling and observing the campus throughout the day because of calls and complaints made to Baylor police, Doak said.

“They asked for this by their actions,” Doak said of the group members. “They chose to be arrested.”

The six people arrested were taken to McLennan County Jail amid a capella singing of “We Shall Overcome.”

A jail spokeswoman said Tuesday night that the six were still in custody since the judge had already left when they were booked. She said they will see a judge between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Before partaking in a silent march to chalk at Waco Hall, members of Soulforce gathered at Fountain Mall to speak with students. They told a mixed crowd that some people might get arrested in the peaceful demonstration, but that they should not violently resist arrest.

Some of the statements chalked in front of Waco Hall read, “Come out! God loves you just as he made you,” and “I am Gay and Christian.” Others



quoted Bible verses about God’s love, including Galatians 3:28, which says, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Members added emphasis to the “male nor female,” and in some instances, added “gay nor straight.”

According to the Policy and Procedure Guide for Student Activities, only approved student organizations and activities can chalk on campus. The groups must also complete an online application prior to chalking.

“I care very much for their

cause. I am glad they did the demonstration,” Sweeny junior Jade Ortega said.

Ortega, who also took part in the chalking but was not arrested, said she considers herself “a champion for gay and lesbian rights.”

“I feel bad that I didn’t get arrested,” she said. “It was really sad. I can’t believe (the officers) would do that; they were writing peace messages.”

Students watched from windows in Waco Hall and along the sidewalks as members of Soulforce were handcuffed and

placed in a McLennan County Jail vehicle.

Austin sophomore Taylor Allen said while she understood why the students were being arrested, she also felt conflicted.

“I believe they should not be arrested for saying God loves them, despite who they are,” Allen said.

Dallas junior Lilly Ettinger said it was hard to watch one of her friends be arrested.

“I am proud of him,” she said. “He did what he believed (in).”

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Top: A plain-clothed police officer (right) arrests six members of the Soulforce Equality Ride on Tuesday outside Waco Hall. The group was arrested after writing messages in chalk outside the building.

Abbie Rosen/
Lariat staff

Chaplain finalists to visit Baylor

By Jon Schroeder
Staff writer

The three finalists for the university chaplain and dean for university ministries position will visit campus at the end of this week and the beginning of next week.

Dr. Maxie B. Burch will interview on campus Thursday, and Dr. Allen D. Callahan and Dr. Frederick J. Streets will interview Monday and Wednesday, respectively.

Each of the three will hold open presentations in the Bill Daniel Student Center, and all faculty members were invited by e-mail to attend Tuesday.

Students will be involved in the process as well. Besides meeting with the students who serve on the search committee, each of the three candidates will meet with other students.

The published job description states the successful candidate will be an individual of deep and vibrant Christian faith who is at home in the Baptist tradition and appreciates the diversity of Christian theological perspectives.

The job description also specifies

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Associated Press

North Carolina State University’s Gillian Goring grabs a rebound over sophomore forward Rachel Allison on Tuesday at the NCAA tournament in Raleigh, N.C.

Lady Bears comeback falls short in overtime

By Aaron Beard
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kay Yow hugged her players as photographers took shot after shot. Then North Carolina State’s coach turned to the fans, smiled and triumphantly extended both arms to hold up a Wolfpack hand gesture.

The fans responded by giving her a standing ovation as she left the court.

It was truly a moment to savor for the Hall of Fame coach and her fight-to-the-finish Wolfpack.

Khadijah Whittington scored 15 of her career-high 23 points after halftime while pulling down 11 rebounds. Shayla Fields knocked down a 3-pointer in the final minute of overtime shortly after missing

key free throws late in regulation. And when it was over, the Wolfpack had held off Baylor 78-72 on Tuesday night to earn Yow’s first trip to the NCAA tournament’s round of 16 in six years.

It certainly wasn’t easy for N.C. State (25-9), the fourth seed in the Fresno Regional. The Wolfpack bounced back after blowing an 11-point lead midway through the second half, then evaded what would have been a crushing loss in front of its home fans when Bernice Mosby missed a shot on the final play of regulation.

That sent the Wolfpack to its 12th win in 14 games since Yow returned from a 16-game leave to concentrate on her cancer treatment. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987 and it first recurred during the

2004-05 season.

Her team will face the Connecticut-Wisconsin-Green Bay winner. And Yow figures her team is playing on more than just emotion.

“I know they want to win for me in that sense,” Yow said. “I really am grateful and appreciate the fact that they do, but I think they’re a real team. I think they can play with that kind of spirit every time they go out.”

Whittington proved that against the fifth-seeded Lady Bears (26-8) despite feeling sick in the first half. The 6-foot-2 junior, averaging 10.1 points and 10.5 rebounds, came up with seemingly every key rebound or basket while also slowing Mosby — who finished with 26 points but had just nine on 3-for-15 shooting

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Hispanic group to honor comic strip’s creator

By Star De La Cruz
Reporter

Hector Cantu, co-creator of the “Baldo” comic strip, will speak at the Hispanic Heritage Banquet at 7 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. The event is held by the Hispanic Student Association.

“The banquet is set to celebrate our Hispanic heritage and to promote Hispanic culture across campus,” said Molly Pruneda, a Houston junior and

banquet co-chairwoman.

The theme is “Embracing Success to Empower Others,” and Cantu will talk about Hispanics succeeding in the United States.

Pruneda said the purpose of the banquet is to honor Cantu’s successful career and to encourage community members to work hard on their dreams, work together and help others be successful in life.

Cantu is an alumnus of the University of Texas, where he earned a jour-

nalism degree.

He was the managing editor for seven years at the **Hispanic Business Magazine** in Santa Barbara, Calif., and also wrote a column for the Knight Ridder News Service.

“I had been a reporter, an editor and had traveled, but I wanted to do more,” Cantu said. “I wanted to find my dream job.”

Cantu said he was a big fan of comics growing up and always enjoyed the field of journalism, so he had to find

something that combined both of his passions.

He met Carlos Castellanos, an artist he hired to work for **Hispanic Business Magazine**, and together they created “Baldo.”

“It was a risk, but why not try it?” Cantu said. “You’re never going to get to do what you really want unless you give it a try.”

“Baldo” is a 15-year-old Hispanic

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Iraq anniversary: Tell Congress time to withdraw

The fourth anniversary of the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq was marked by hundreds of national and international protests, including an estimated crowd of 50,000 at the Pentagon.

In Waco, 13 activists, including myself, with the Friends of Peace assembled at the corner of Valley Mills and Waco drives, the busiest intersection in the city.

With a huge banner proclaiming "Iraq 4 yrs.: Out Now," we demanded that Congress heed the wishes of a majority of Americans and immediately establish a timetable for the rapid and orderly withdrawal of

all troops from Iraq.

One charismatic activist carried a sign requesting motorists to "Honk to End the War." The response in Bush Country was a nearly continuous symphony of honks.

The reaction of drivers has become progressively more positive each year, with about 70 percent of gestures this year were supportive of our position.

Yet with the majority of Americans opposed to the war, it is still critical that all Americans continue to pressure Congress to change the war's direction.

Since the actions of the government are performed in all of our names, apathy is no longer

point of view

BY ALAN NORTHCUTT



an option. A lot has happened in the last four years in our names.

The U.S. invaded and occupied the sovereign nation of Iraq in violation of the U.N. charter. An estimated 650,000 Iraqis have died since March 2003 as a result, according to a report in the renowned medical journal *The Lancet*.

Also, an estimated 2 million Iraqis have become refugees and 1.9 million have been internally displaced.

3,217 American soldiers have been killed as of Tuesday and about 24,000 have been injured, many with severe disabilities.

Since the war's inception, \$409 billion has been squandered in Iraq, with an ultimate total estimate of up to \$2 trillion for the cost of providing health-care for wounded veterans long after their service, according to a recent study by professors at Columbia and Harvard.

The torture at Abu Ghraib prison has also severely eroded our reputation as a human rights

champion in the world.

We can respond to these tragic events first by becoming better informed. Alternatives to the "infotainment" offered by the conglomerate corporate media include Web sites like buzzflash.com, democracynow.org and c-span.org, which is also on TV.

Second, we can all phone, fax and e-mail our representatives in Congress. A toll free number to the Capitol switchboard is now available: 1-888-851-1879.

Rep. Chet Edwards can be reached by phone in his Washington D.C. office at (202) 225-6105 or by fax at (202) 225-0350. The number for his Waco

office is (254) 752-9600 and the fax number is (254) 752-7769. You can also e-mail Edwards by visiting www.edwards.house.gov.

Third, we can become involved with local groups willing to speak truth to power and exercise their First Amendment rights. Resources to check out include friendsofpeace.org and crawfordpeacehouse.org.

In times like these, the words of Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno challenge us to act: "Sometimes, to be silent is to lie."

Alan Northcutt, a local physician, is active with the Waco Friends of Peace.

Editorial

Baylor's D+ shouldn't disappoint

In a class counting toward your major, it takes a C to pass. But in a recent study on colleges and sustainability, Baylor earned a D+.

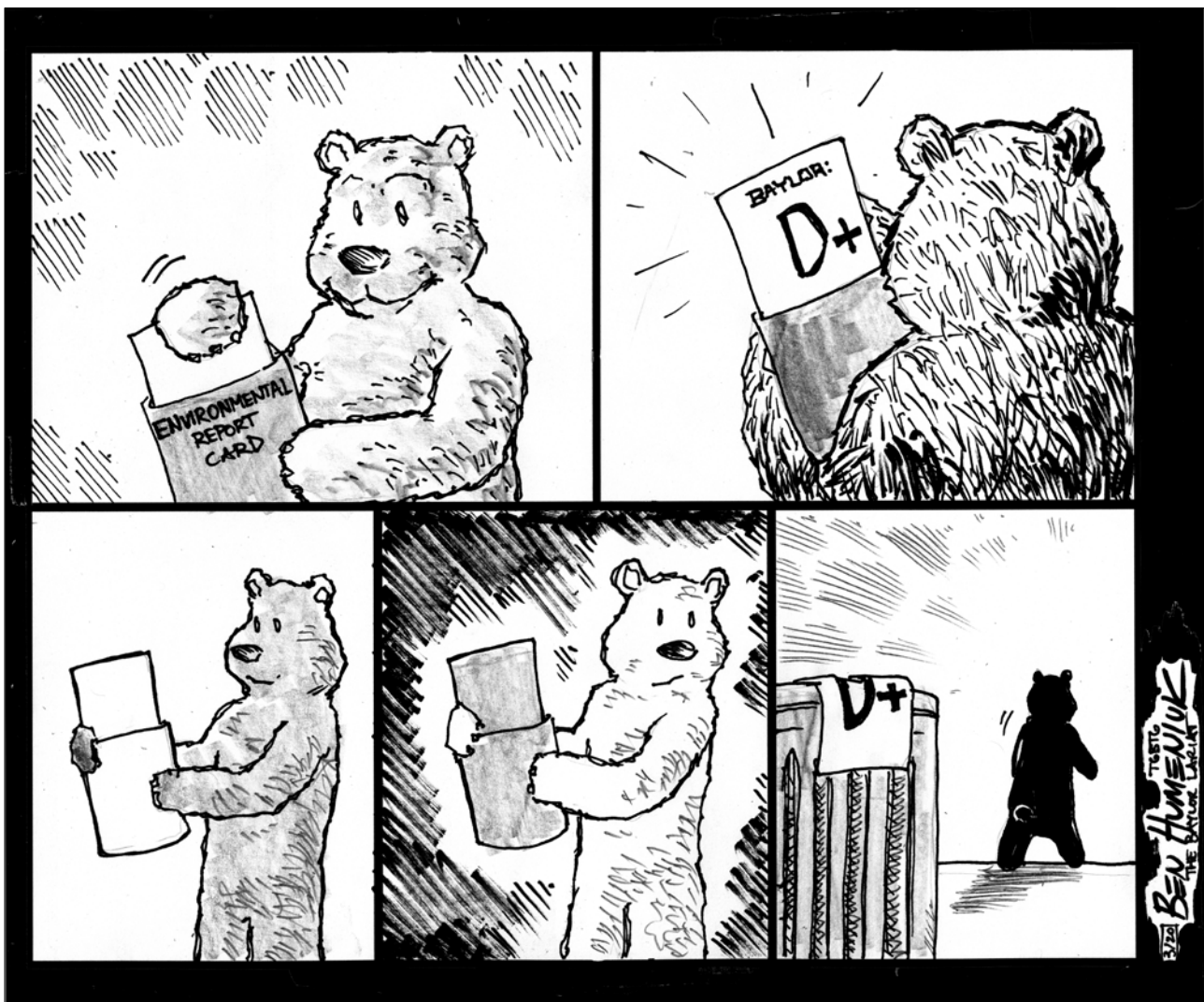
The question is: How important is the bad grade in assessing Baylor's merits in this area? Perhaps not as important as it first might seem.

The study, called the College Sustainability Report Card, was conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute and covered colleges' approaches to both environmental issues and endowments. Looking at colleges with the greatest endowments, the study found only four that earned an overall A-.

The study graded each school in seven categories — four relating to campus initiatives and three relating to endowments. Many schools made A's and B's in the former categories, but F's in the latter categories brought their grade down.

Baylor's failure in categories such as "endowment transparency" and "shareholder engagement" — and the failure of many other schools in these areas — is due to policies set forth by private institutions with the right to manage their own finances. Only six universities scored an A in endowment transparency, and only three of them were private schools.

Choosing not to make endowment holdings public keeps researchers from studying what is done with the funds, but it doesn't mean the universities aren't dedicated to pursuing sustainability. In the "administration"



category, Baylor scored a D, partly due to the "lack of a formal policy toward sustainability," according to the report. But the administration's lack of such a policy hasn't prevented it from achieving things that gave it better scores in other areas. Still, that doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement.

Schools that made A's had environmental policies in place. Bowdoin College, for example, has committed to reducing emissions 11 percent by 2010. Harvard University has a Green

Campus Initiative with a full-time staff of 16 and a part-time student staff of 40, according to the report.

Baylor has a long way to go before reaching these levels of involvement in environmental issues. Steps already taken such as the new contract with WPS Energy, which uses wind power, are moving Baylor in the right direction. A formal policy or initiative should come in time.

Some steps the university should consider would be to extend official

campus recycling to include materials other than paper as well as ensuring that new building projects be certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. Until more comprehensive steps are taken toward sustainability, recent work and promises of continued improvement will have to be the only comforts for getting a D+.

So does this grade count toward the major? Probably not. But hopefully, it will continue to improve in the semesters to come.

Opinion policy

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Corrections

In Tuesday's article, "Students aim to gain eligibility to run for office," the student's name and hometown were incorrectly spelled. Jeff Hay is from Sikeston, Mo.

In the article, "Bullets rip through home near campus," the photo caption incorrectly named the student in the photograph. The student in the photograph is Cleburne junior John Lewis.

In the article, "Baylor, Soulforce tackle Christianity, homosexuality," staff writer Melissa Limmer was incorrectly given credit for the story. Staff writer Kate Boswell co-wrote the story with staff writer Claire St. Amant.

Baylor uses hypocritical approach to homosexuality conversation

I attended the Soulforce Equality Ride rally, Monday dinner and worship service out of curiosity about the message they were sharing.

As a third-year law student and the fifth member of my family to attend Baylor, I was saddened and embarrassed by the e-mail that went out to the student body from Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life.

In one breath, it touted Baylor as a place that is "comfortable with conversations regarding human sexuality," but in the next breath, it denied Soulforce's requests for university-approved dialogue. The e-mail was a thinly veiled attempt to let the group know they're not welcome on our campus. As I understand it,

one of the goals of the Equality Ride is to come in the spirit of non-violence to promote dialogue in the Baylor and Waco communities. Contrary to what many students think, the goal of this group is not to "make you gay" or to get you to turn your back on the Bible, but rather to open up lines of communication between gay and straight communities in a Christian context.

In the short time I spent with Soulforce riders, I discovered a group of intelligent, articulate and kind-hearted young people willing to talk honestly and openly. The words in the e-mail claimed Baylor wants to promote dialogue, but the actions that followed demonstrated the opposite. The group was not

allowed to pass out literature (even when students requested it), and was removed from campus by police when they did so. Baylor might purport to promote dialogue about sexuality, but it clearly only promotes dialogue with which it agrees.

As a Christian it's very disappointing to see others of my faith so afraid of discussion. In a discussion with another law student who was equally disheartened by the e-mail, I was reminded that Baylor is not only part of the Baptist community but an institution of higher learning as well.

What makes Baylor exceptional is not only what goes on inside it's walls but also what it presents to the outside world.

That face should be one that will encourage other great minds and hearts to come here and learn in the future. As members of the Baylor family, what message do we want to send to the world? Do we want to send the message that we are so insecure in our faith and afraid of individuals we perceive as different that we won't welcome them onto our campus for a discussion?

I sincerely hope such a backward and timid outlook by the administration isn't representative of our student body. There are many law students who try to distance themselves from the undergraduate institution for fear that the legal community will regard them as intolerant

of others. However, we carry the same name on our diplomas and take equal stake in what the Baylor name represents now and in the future.

Whether Baylor students acknowledge it or not, there's a gay and lesbian community that walks beside them. If the university believes that Soulforce's message goes against school policy, it should at least give students a chance to hear the message, think about its merits and respond. Running from controversy — or even worse, ignoring it — doesn't teach students to go out and be leaders.

Baylor purports to encourage students to be Christ-like, but it seems to forget, however, that Jesus walked among the mul-

titudes as he pursued his mission. We missed an excellent opportunity to allow students to shine by expressing their views and the reasons behind them.

Even though Baylor is a private institution, it can still serve as a marketplace of ideas and a forum for students to explore many types of speech, even speech the university finds provocative. As much as I would like to apologize to the Soulforce Equality Ride for the e-mail that went out, I'd also like to apologize to Baylor students, as the e-mail reflects how little faith administration has in you as Christians, thinkers and members of this community.

Katie Sweeten is a law student from Kerrville.

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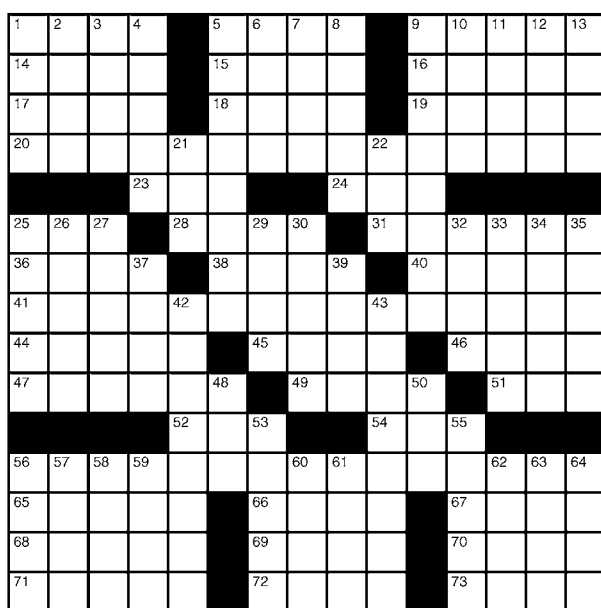
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Student court won't hear eligibility case

By **Kate Boswell**
Staff writer

Student Court announced Monday that it could not yet grant student senator and Boxford, Mass., sophomore Abbie Rosen's request for a court interpretation. Rosen, who said she was bringing the case to court on behalf of Sikeston, Missouri junior Jeff Hay, had requested

the court interpret a passage of the student government constitution which stipulated that a candidate for an officer position had to live in Waco during the semester of his or her candidacy. Hay, who is seeking to run for student body internal vice president, would be ineligible under this rule since he is currently participating in an internship in

Austin as a Bob Bullock Scholar through Baylor's political science department. Student court chief justice and Austin junior James Nortey said the court cannot hear the case because Hay has not yet been denied candidacy and the situation is hypothetical at this point. "The court will grant a hearing request if and only if the candidate in question has filed

for the position of a student body officer and is denied eligibility to run by the electoral commissioner," Nortey said. Hay said he planned to file for candidacy Monday. "And if I am denied (candidacy), we will take the case to court and ask their opinion," he said. Hay said denying students candidacy on these eligibility

grounds would be a loss for student government. "It would be a sad thing to have an impact like this on a student who is able to bring things to the university, such as different contacts from Austin," he said. "Not to allow a student who cares about and is concerned with the university to run because of this would be a very sad thing."

BEAR BRIEFS

Race for a cause
The Susan G. Komen Foundation will hold the annual Race for the Cure March 31. Cost is \$20 per person, and the deadline for registry is March 25. For more information visit www.komen-centraltexas.org.

Don't miss Acoustic Cafe
Acoustic Cafe will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the den of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Featured artists are Lunden McGill and Colby Amparan.

Film to illustrate abortion issues

By **Brittany Mihalcin**
Reporter

Bears for Life, an anti-abortion student organization, will hold a short-film viewing of **A Distant Thunder** at 4 p.m. today in 107 Cashion Academic Center. This fictional film follows the life of Ann Brown, a confident and successful lawyer who takes on a new murder case involving a partial-birth abortion that went wrong. It is full of courtroom drama and supernatural warfare and causes viewers to better understand the affects of abortion on a baby and the baby's mother, said Houston senior Carol Lyon, Bears for Life president. **A Distant Thunder** helps tackle the issue of abortion by offering its view on what abortion is and how it effects everyone involved. Some of the major questions proposed through this film are, "What difference does 3 inches make? Why is it okay to kill a baby when he or she is inside the birth canal, but it doesn't become murder until his or her head is pulled out of the birth canal by just a mere three inches more?" Lyon said. "We chose this film because it deals with an issue we are concerned with," Lyon said. "It is a way we can entertain students while still educating them." Last month Bears for Life hosted a screening of Tilly, also a short film about the effect of abortion.

Carol said the organization is hoping for a larger turn out for this month's film viewing. Bears for Life was chartered in February of 1998 and has been sponsored by Dr. John Pisciotta, associate economics professor since its inception. Pisciotta said **A Distant Thunder** has a very surprising ending. "We want to educate students on the negative effects of abortion and we want to support women who find alternative solutions to abortion," Lyons said. Currently, Bears for Life has four members. "Our main goal is to raise awareness on the issues relating to life in the womb and abortion and also very much so about the lasting negative impact on women who have had abor-



Associated Press

White House political strategist Karl Rove arrives Tuesday morning on the South Lawn of the White House. Rove could be called in for congressional interviews regarding the firing of eight federal prosecutors.

Texas House passes bill that will strengthen self-defense

By **Kelley Shannon**
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texans would have a stronger legal right to defend themselves with deadly force against intruders under legislation the state House overwhelmingly approved Tuesday and sent to Gov. Rick Perry. The bill, pushed by Republican lawmakers and backed by the National Rifle Association, states that a person has no duty to retreat from an intruder in his or her home, workplace or vehicle before using deadly force. In some cases, existing law imposes an obligation to retreat. "Our bill never says you can't retreat. It basically says you have no duty to retreat," said Rep. Joe Driver, a Garland Republican who sponsored the bill in the House. "Your first reaction needs to be to protect yourself and your family." With no debate, the House

gave final approval with a 133-13 vote. Perry, a Republican, must sign the measure for it to become law. His office said Tuesday that he agrees with the bill and applauds legislators for passing it. "This is an important move to ensure Texans have the right to defend themselves when it counts the most," said Perry spokeswoman Krista Moody. The bill has been dubbed the "Castle Doctrine," from the idea that a man's home is his castle and he has the right to defend it. Fifteen other states have passed similar laws. "Law-abiding citizens now have the choice to defend themselves and their families in the face of attack, knowing their decision will not be second-guessed by the state of Texas," said Chris W. Cox, chief lobbyist for the National Rifle Association.

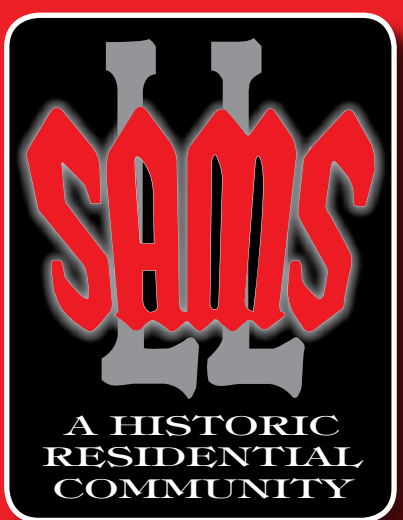
Bush warns Democrats to take offer in federal prosecutor firings

By **Laurie Kellman**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A defiant President Bush warned Democrats Tuesday to accept his offer to have top aides speak about the firings of federal prosecutors only privately and not under oath, or risk a constitutional showdown from which he would not back down. Democrats' response was swift and firm: They said they would start authorizing subpoenas as soon as Wednesday for the White House aides. "Testimony should be on the record and under oath. That's the formula for true accountability," said Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Bush, in a late-afternoon statement at the White House, said he would fight any subpoena effort in court. "We will not go along with a partisan fishing expedition aimed at honorable public servants," he said. "It will be regrettable if they choose to head down the partisan road of issuing subpoenas and demanding show trials when I have agreed to make key White House officials and documents available." He added that federal prosecutors work for him and it is natural to consider replacing them. While saying he disap-



proved of how the decisions were explained to Congress, he insisted "there is no indication that anybody did anything improper." Bush gave his embattled attorney general, Alberto Gonzales, a boost during an early morning call and ended the day with a public statement repeating it. The Senate, meanwhile, voted to strip Gonzales of his authority to fill U.S. attorney vacancies without Senate confirmation. Democrats contend the Justice Department and White House purged eight federal prosecutors after a change in the Patriot Act gave Gonzales the new authority. "What happened in this case sends a signal really through intimidation by purge: 'Don't quarrel with us any longer,'" said Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., a former U.S. attorney who spent much of Monday evening paging through 3,000 documents released by the Justice Department. Bush said his White House counsel, Fred Fielding, told lawmakers they could interview presidential counselor Karl Rove, former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and their deputies — but only on the president's terms: in private, "without the need for an oath" and without a transcript. The president cast the offer as virtually unprecedented and

a reasonable way for Congress to get all the information it needs about the matter. "If the Democrats truly do want to move forward and find the right information, they ought to accept what I proposed," Bush said. "If scoring political points is the desire, then the rejection of this reasonable proposal will really be evident for the American people to see." The House Judiciary Committee was expected to authorize subpoenas for Rove, Miers and their deputies Wednesday; the Senate Judiciary Committee was to follow suit a day later. Bush said he worried that allowing testimony under oath would set a precedent on the separation of powers that would harm the presidency as an institution. "If the staff of a president operated in constant fear of being hauled before various committees to discuss internal deliberations, the president would not receive candid advice and the American people would be ill-served," Bush said. In a letter to the chairmen of the Senate and House Judiciary committees and ranking Republicans, Fielding said documents released by the Justice Department "do not reflect that any U.S. attorney was replaced to interfere with a pending or future criminal investigation or for any other improper reason."



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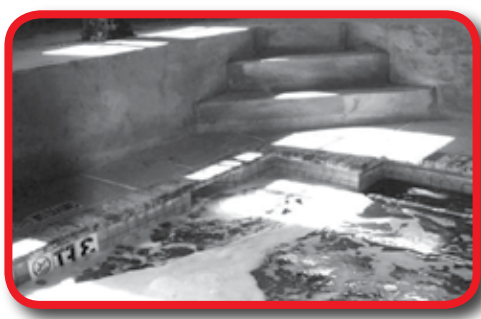





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By Daniel Youngblood
Sports editor

After being swept by the University of Texas over the weekend and scoring just four earned runs for the series, the Baylor baseball team took out its frustration Tuesday on Texas Southern University, routing the Tigers 22-1 at Baylor Ballpark.

Freshman second baseman Shaver Hansen, who entered the game hitting just .167, had five hits and drove in six runs, tying the Baylor Ballpark record for both stats.

"This season's been tough. It's my freshman year and I go from starting to having to sit," Hansen said.

"I just had to reinforce a positive attitude. The coaches believe in me, so I should believe in myself."

Head Coach Steve Smith said he was happy to see Hansen play well.

"His performance couldn't do anything but help him," Smith said.

"You try to stay away from looking at numbers but the game of baseball is driven by numbers. This should help him sleep better tonight."

Smith got 23 players into the game, including seven pitchers. Thirteen of the 17 Bears who got at-bats got at least one hit, and the seven pitchers combined to allow just five hits and two walks.

"If you could script how you would like it, it couldn't have gone any better," Smith said. "We got a lot of pitchers work, and we got all the hitters multiple at-bats."

The Bears took control of the game in the first inning, plating three. Sophomore left fielder Ben



David Poe/Lariat staff

Baylor defeated Texas Southern University 22-1 Tuesday at the Baylor Ballpark in Waco. The Bears are coming off a three-game sweep at the hands of the University of Texas last weekend.

Booker led off the game with a single and scored the first run when short stop Beamer Weems hit his first of two triples.

Freshman first baseman Aaron Miller drove Weems home with a single. The third run scored on a throwing error by the third baseman.

They added two more runs in the second inning. In his

first at-bat, Hansen hit his first career home run over the right field, and Miller drove in Weems for a second to give the Bears 5-0.

From there the runs kept coming.

"We worked on hitting a lot yesterday, and the coaches brought in some new drills," Weems said. "It seemed like it

worked."

The Bears brought one home in the third inning, three in the fifth and two in the sixth to build an 11-1 lead.

After a scoreless seventh, with all but two starters out of the game, the Bears doubled their run total, scoring 11 runs on 10 hits, two walks and an error.

"It was definitely good," Weems said. "We didn't hit well over the weekend, so this was definitely a confidence builder. We're hoping it will carry over to the Texas Tech series this weekend."

While his performance was overshadowed by the Bears' offensive onslaught, freshman pitcher Wade Mackey got his first collegiate win in his third weekday start.

He threw three innings, allowing three hits and one third-inning run, while striking out two.

Six Baylor relievers each pitched scoreless innings in support of Mackey.

With the win, the Bears move their record to 13-10 on the season. Baylor is 5-0 on the season in Tuesday games.

The Bears play their second Big 12 series when they play host to Texas Tech University at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The Red Raiders are 17-8 on the season and 2-1 in Big 12 play after taking a home series from the No. 16 University of Nebraska.

Hansen said he was pleased with his team's performance Tuesday, but the Bears are already focused on their next game.

"Texas was rough, and this win was nice, but next game is what's important," he said. "It's still one win regardless of how many runs you score."



McClatchy

Houston Astros shortstop Adam Everett turns a double play during game one of the World Series on Oct. 22, 2005. The Astros are hoping Everett, who's known for his exceptional glove work, can improve his offensive game in 2007.

Astros player faces high expectations

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — There isn't much room for improvement when it comes to Adam Everett's fielding.

However, the Houston Astros would like to see a bit more from the shortstop at the plate this season.

Everett, who signed a one-year, \$2.8 million contract in January, had a .990 fielding percentage with just seven errors last season. That percentage is the fourth best all-time in a season for a National League shortstop.

He hit .239 with six home runs and a career-high 59 RBIs in 2006, but the Astros think a few tweaks could improve those numbers.

"Adam's trying to get the ball up the middle," said manager Phil Garner. "He's trying to stay on the ball a little bit longer and that's what we want him to do and that's what he's trying to do this spring."

Garner denied that Everett's hitting was a concern.

But he did say that they have had conversations with the 30-year-old this spring about what they're looking for from him this year.

"I think it will make him a better hitter and that's what we want him to do," Garner said. "If he'll do it consistently, he'll end up being a much better hitter so that's why we ask him to do it."

Everett is 4-for-29 with one home run and five RBIs this spring.

Though no one doubts that Everett will remain Houston's starter at shortstop, he could get a little push from new acquisition Mark Loretta.

Loretta, who is a career .299 hitter, will likely be Craig Biggio's backup at second base, but he can play several infield positions and occasionally fill in at shortstop.

He started two recent spring games at shortstop when Everett was held out as a precaution because of an injured lower back and got the nod in a third game when Everett didn't make the trip to Los Angeles to play the Dodgers.

Golf team overcomes setbacks to place second

By Will Parchman
Sports writer

Timing is everything in golf, and it appears Jeremy Alcorn came back at just the right time.

The spring season for men's college golf is crucial, mainly because it's an opportunity for teams to tie up loose ends left from the fall season and make a final push at the NCAA championships in late May.

That's why it was such a blow when Alcorn, the senior ace of the men's golf team, went down with an injury right before the spring season started.

After straining an abdominal muscle in practice before the team's first spring tournament in early March, Alcorn was forced to sit out of the team's first two competitions.

It didn't show in their first invitational; Baylor took third place at the Louisiana Classics. Then the bottom dropped out.

A dismal performance in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at the Gen-

eral Hackler Invitational on March 11-12 put the team on its heels. The Bears turned in their worst performance of the early spring season and their worst overall finish since last May. They finished 17th in a field of 18 and shot a season-worst 309 on the last day, finishing a collective 36 strokes over par.

The competition took a toll on the team's psyche, but they didn't have long to dwell on their lackluster performance. They had just four days until their next event, and it was one they knew well. The Border Classic lay ahead, and Baylor happened to be the event's two-time defending champion.

"The course sets up good for us," head Coach Greg Priest said of the Laredo Country Club, where the Border Classic is held annually.

"It's a pretty wide-open course and we've played it a lot. The guys are very familiar with the course, and it's just one that fits us pretty good."

Alcorn finally returned from his injury following Myrtle

Beach, and Baylor didn't disappoint with him at the helm. While they failed to capture first place, the Bears succeeded in putting their performance at Myrtle Beach behind them, finishing second overall.

But the team stumbled through the last few holes of the first day, and it took a team meeting that night to refocus and establish a tempo for the tournament's final day.

"After we played Myrtle Beach and had a bad tournament, I think it was a wake-up call for the guys to come back and show they're a good team," Priest said. "We got off to a rough start in that morning round (in the Border Classic), hung in there, battled back and played pretty good throughout."

"We talked that first night about getting on track and the guys came out ready to play that next day. It was good to see them bounce back."

Teammate Wes Williams said Alcorn's presence seems to lift the team's spirits. In this case, he said, it certainly did.

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Popular Christian rock band Relient K released its fifth album in seven years, *Five Score and Seven Years Ago*, on Mar. 7. The band opened its spring tour with a show at Nokia Theater in New York City.

Relient K ‘scores’ with new CD

By Megan McClane
Contributor

NEW YORK CITY — Two days after releasing their new CD, *Five Score and Seven Years Ago*, Relient K kicked off their spring tour with Mae and Sherwood at the Nokia Theater in Times Square on Mar. 9.

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The doors to the concert opened at 6 p.m., but by 5:30 p.m., there were fans lined up in front of the theater and stretching around the corner.

Waco junior Faith Korpi and I were in the midst of these fans. As a part of the Baylor Communication in New York program, we knew we would experience the wonder of the city, but we never dreamed we would be at a Relient K show. Of all the things I’ve done in New York, this was one of the best. Sherwood and Mae were great, but they were just the beginning.

By the time Relient K made its entrance, no one even remembered the opening bands. The band members slowly walked on to a darkened stage, took their places and opened with “Be My Escape.” As soon as Matt Thiessen strummed the first note on his white guitar, six rectangular lights lit the stage

from behind the band.

Throughout the concert, lights would flash and change neon colors, from blue to yellow, red, green or white —resembling something from the 1980s. And as a perfect illustration of the band’s nonsensical nature, what else would be hanging behind the band on a giant banner with a large squirrel? Suddenly we felt transported into a Relient K wonderland of fun colors and great music.

Just as the band’s entrance to the stage was powerful, so too was the release of its fifth album in seven years, which debuted at No. 6 on the Billboard charts. *Five Score and Seven Years Ago* was released Mar. 7. This is the first album to feature Jon Schneck and John Warne, bringing the band to a complete five-member status.

Once again, its sound is a bit different, but just as the band members grow more mature themselves, their sound shows a maturity as well. Loyal fans shouldn’t be alarmed — there is still a sense of silliness in songs such as “Crayons Can Melt on Us For All I Care,” which simply says, “I just wasted 10 seconds of your life.”

Following the tradition of the band’s last tour, Thiessen played both guitar and piano at the concert, but the new addition was Schneck’s sleigh bells, which he played in addition to

the guitar and the banjo. And the use of an assortment of instruments on stage reflects the new CD. “Deathbed,” the last song on the CD, is 11 minutes long, and it alone features live strings, horns, bells and a ukulele, among other instruments.

Throughout its set, Relient K played a balance of old favorites and new releases.

While the most excitement was over past songs that have become loved — including “In Love With the ‘80s” — they created excitement over new songs as well. “Faking My Own Suicide” was kicked off with a giant fake flame lighting up in the middle of the stage and was followed by a Weezer cover, “Surf Wax America,” since Thiessen said the new song reminded him of the band members’ surfing days.

Before the album was released, some of the new songs began gaining fame through MySpace and exclusive downloads. MTV helped the popularity of “Must Have Done Something Right” when the music video premiered on *Total Request Live* the same day as the CD release.

For a band that started nearly 10 years ago in 1998, Relient K isn’t leaving the Christian rock scene anytime soon. Instead, it’s just gaining more ground as it leaps forward with *Five Score* and the spring tour.

Grade: A

Nutrition month stresses fad-free eating, exercise

By Kat Bergeron
McClatchy Newspapers

March is National Nutrition Month, and the emphasis is on living a 100 percent fad-free lifestyle.

You’re reading this right. “Fad” is not a typographical error for “fat,” a word you might expect to see banded about in a month that emphasizes healthy eating.

A fad is a passing fancy or craze, and a number of them currently making the rounds have claims for improving your health, be it weight, energy, you name it.

Good nutrition, say those trained in the field of what to put into our mouths, is the key to overall good health.

“The trick is that you make choices from all the food groups in the food pyramid as a whole

so that your meals and snacks are well-rounded,” said Darnell Sanford-McBride, dietician at Mississippi’s Ocean Springs Hospital.

“Everyone’s heard of the South Beach diet, the Atkins diet, the cabbage diet, the no-carbohydrates diet. These fad diets often concentrate on one aspect of the food pyramid, but healthy eating is a well-rounded selection of choices.”

The food pyramid was created by the U.S. Department of Agriculture when U.S. incidence of heart disease began to increase because of poor nutrition. Although not all nutritionists thought it hit the mark, there were no immediate changes to the pyramid.

Then in 2005, USDA launched a new food-guidance system called MyPyramid, which offers Americans an easy way to calculate their personal healthy-food

choices based on age and activity. The interactive site is found at mypyramid.gov.

As nutrition science has improved, the pyramid has changed. Its five basic food groups remain grains, fruits, vegetables, protein and dairy, but the new MyPyramid also emphasizes the importance of portion control, food variety, less fat and sugar and physical activity.

The latter is considered so important that the new pyramid has a runner going up the steps.

National Nutrition Month is promoted by the American Dietetic Association for optimal nutrition, health and well-being. ADA says good health is about making informed food choices and developing a lifetime of sound eating and physical-activity habits. Fads don’t fit into this.

Mac announces retirement after 30 years as comedian

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernie Mac says he plans to bring down the curtain on his stand-up comedy act after 30 years.

Mac told David Letterman on CBS’ *Late Show* that he’ll retire after he finishes shooting the comedy film *The Whole Truth, Nothing but the Truth, So Help Me Mac* this fall.

“And I’m going to put it in theaters and it’s going to be 30 years for me, and I’m going to call it,” the 49-year-old comedian said on Monday night’s show.

“I’m going to still do my producing, my films, but I want to

enjoy my life a little bit,” Mac told Letterman. “I missed a lot of things, you know. I was a street performer for two years. I went into clubs in 1977.”

“It’s a great way to make a living but it also, it takes a toll, doesn’t it? It’s tough,” Letterman said.

“Oh, man, you miss out on so much, you know, and you live



Mac

in all these hotels — I was on the road 47 weeks out of the year,” said Mac, who starred with D.L. Hughley and Cedric the Entertainer in 2000’s *The Original Kings of Comedy*.

Said Letterman: “So, one last film record of your work.”

Mac replied: “That’s right. Comedy has been so good to me. And that’s all I ever wanted, watching you guys. I had great mentors — Jackie Gleason, Flip Wilson, Redd Foxx, Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, Buddy Hackett. I had so many people to watch, that today you don’t have that anymore.”

His new film, *Pride*, will be in theaters Friday.

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U.S. opens dialogue with Fatah, Hamas

By Mark Lavie
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The United States made its first contact with the new Hamas-Fatah coalition Tuesday, ending a yearlong diplomatic boycott of the Palestinian government.

The meeting between a U.S. diplomat and the Palestinian finance minister signaled a break in policy between Israel and its closest ally, and could mark a significant step toward ending a painful aid cutoff to the Palestinian government.

Jacob Wallis, the U.S. consul in Jerusalem, made a six-mile drive to the West Bank city of Ramallah, where he met with Salam Fayyad, an internationally respected economist and political independent.

“This meeting was part of my contacts with the international community,” Fayyad told The Associated Press.

Fayyad, a former World Bank official, is leading Palestinian efforts to end international sanctions imposed a year ago when the Islamic militants of Hamas won an election and set up a government. The U.S., European Union and Israel label Hamas a terror group and ban contact with it.

Hamas still holds the most seats in the new unity Palestinian Cabinet, including the post of prime minister. But the addition of prominent figures like Fayyad to the team has brought into question the concept of boycotting the whole Cabinet, as Israel is doing.

In Washington, State Depart-

ment spokesman Sean McCormack said the meeting is in accordance with U.S. policy. “We weren’t going to cut off contacts with those individuals with whom we had previously had contact,” he said.

“I know the Israeli government has a different view in this regard.”

Israel itself often sent officials to talk with Fayyad when he served as finance minister in a previous Fatah-led Cabinet. Israel and the West also have maintained contact with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, a Fatah moderate elected separately from the Hamas-dominated parliament.

Israel has been adamant about imposing a total ban on the new unity government. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Ol-

mert even ruled out peace talks with Abbas, saying contacts would be limited to humanitarian issues.

Israel also urged the U.S. and Europe to keep up the diplomatic and aid ban, but both indicated plans for some contacts.

U.S. officials said they would meet individually with non-Hamas officials, and Tuesday’s meeting between Wallis and Fayyad seemed part of that process.

In a statement, the State Department said only that the talks were “part of an ongoing dialogue on a variety of issues.”

In recent days, Palestinian officials said Fayyad would be seeking to persuade U.S. officials to stop pressuring banks to refrain from transferring money to the Palestinian government.

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Ettinger also said she understood Baylor’s policy but she didn’t see anything wrong with the mission of Soulforce.

“Their mission is to stop violence; there is nothing wrong with stopping violence against God’s children,” she said.

Soulforce member Curtis Peterson remained positive despite the arrests.

“Today wasn’t about marking up sidewalks,” he said.

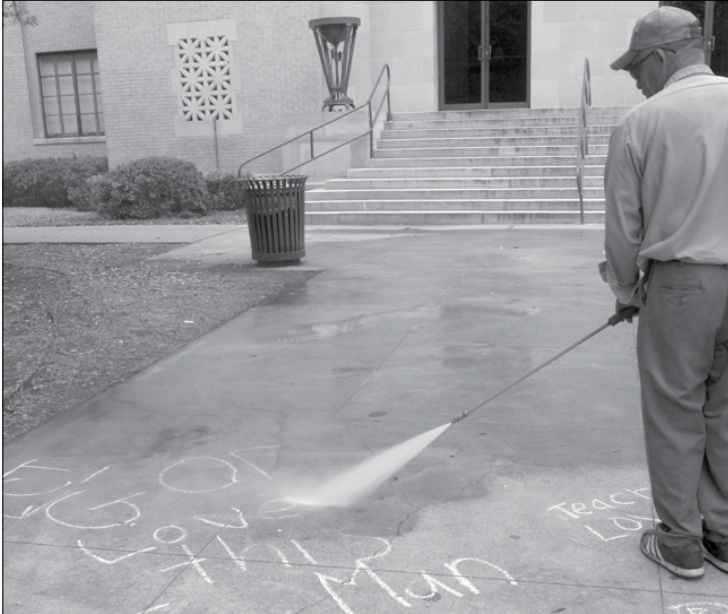
“We were delivering a message that needed to be heard at Baylor: God loves you just as you are.”

Peterson said despite having mixed feelings, the group decided to go ahead with the demonstration because chalking is widely used as a communication tool on campus.

Peterson also said the group was trying to pick up where Baylor Freedom, an underground gay and lesbian group at Baylor, had left off.

“I hope that we have provided momentum and that the atmosphere of fear changes,” he said.

Dean Genth, director of logistics for the group, said the group wanted to “give a voice to



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Students watch as a Baylor facility services employee washes chalkings off he concrete Tuesday at Waco Hall.

the oppressed students who are forced to remain in the closet on Baylor’s campus.”

Genth, who has been previously responsible for posting bail for the group, said simply allowing Soulforce members to walk around campus was not enough of an effort by the administration to welcome and ac-

commodate the group.

“We offered to have a dialogue,” he said. “They denied that request.”

On Monday, Baylor sent an e-mail to faculty students stating that the university would not allow a dialogue to take place on campus

Genth echoed Peterson’s

thoughts on Baylor Freedom.

“We wanted to be a voice for them,” he said.

Genth called the atmosphere at Baylor a “thin veneer” and a “facade” of acceptance.

“What we’ve found is that people out here on the sidewalks and on campus will say ‘we love these people,’ but we’ve talked to people who don’t feel loved,” he said.

“We think those people are a living, breathing testimony to what is happening here day by day. They live in fear to be out in the open.”

While Baylor maintains the right to reject any group on campus as a private institution, group member Kyle DeVries, a junior at Florida State University, said this issue transcends property rights.

“The students at Baylor wanted this,” he said, referring to the chalking.

DeVries said after several conversations with students on campus Monday, the group realized further action needed to be taken.

“Students on this campus have been silenced,” DeVries said. “The climate of fear at Baylor needed to be spoken against.”

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cally mentions a commitment to advancing the imperatives of Baylor 2012.

Burch received his master’s degree in divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984, then his doctorate from Baylor in 1994. From 1989 to 1997, he was the minister to college students at Calvary Baptist Church in Waco. He also has served as a lecturer in church history and theology at George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Burch is now an associate pastor at North Phoenix Baptist Church.

Callahan graduated from Princeton University in 1982, then got his master’s degree and doctorate from Harvard University. Callahan’s resume lists 11 languages he understands. He’s taught at seven universities, including Harvard University and Seminário Teológico Batista do Nordeste in Bahia, Brazil. He’s also published more than 30 papers on topics related to Christianity and has appeared in multiple historical and reli-

gious documentaries.

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. In his time as Yale chaplain, he has established a multifaceted council and created a religious life calendar that coordinates events for various religious traditions, both Christian and non-Christian.

Amarillo sophomore Cole Casper said he’s interested in the search for a new chaplain although he’s completed his Chapel requirement.

“I think that a chaplain’s job is more than just Chapel,” Casper said. “I think it would be very important for students to be interested in this because it

affects them directly.”

Casper said he doesn’t expect a large student turnout, but said the reason would be that students don’t know about the presentations, not because they don’t care about the position.

“I would encourage students to come to these meetings and give their input,” said Allan Marshall, a Cuney senior and student body external vice president. “That input will be valued.”

Marshall said the search committee will select a candidate who can “connect with the entire Baylor community.”

“I want everyone to know that we’re going to get someone that students love, that faculty love, that staff love.”

Presentation schedule

• Dr. Maxie Burch
2 to 3 p.m. Thursday
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after halftime.

“I felt kind of sick, but this is it, so I had to suck it up,” Whittington said.

She finished 11-for-20 from the field and also had three steals and two blocks in 38 minutes.

“KD really wanted the ball tonight and really went to work on the inside,” Yow said.

In a back-and-forth game in which neither team seemed able to control, the Wolfpack came up with the clinching plays in the final minutes. In addition to Whittington, Gillian Goring — who had 16 points and 11 rebounds — scored a go-ahead layup on the Wolfpack’s second possession of the extra period.

Marquetta Dickens, who was 0-for-4 from the field after her 25-point performance in the first round, knocked down a short jumper after Angela Tisdale’s two free throws brought Baylor to with in 68-67 with 2:49 left.

Then, after Whittington hit a turnaround shot in the lane, Fields made probably the biggest shot of the game when she drained a 3 from in front of N.C. State’s bench with the shot clock winding down to make it 75-69 with 46.9 seconds to play.

It was redemption for Fields,

a sophomore who missed a pair of free throws for the lead with 19.8 seconds left in regulation.

“I felt like I let my team down at the end of the second half,” said Fields, who finished with 14 points. “I wanted to come out with confidence, keep my head in the game and try to get it back in overtime.”

Baylor didn’t get closer than four points the rest of the way, falling short in a road game against a surging team playing on emotion.

“They were up against a lot of intangibles, and we all know that,” Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. “They were up against seniors. They were up against Coach Yow’s situation. And to bring a young group in that situation and for them to fight and claw and compete, it hurts.”

The Lady Bears were trying to reach the round of 16 for the fourth straight year, which included their 2005 national championship season. Baylor certainly had its chances, none better than after Fields’ missed free throws. But Mosby came up short on a contested jumper at the regulation horn, giving the Wolfpack a second chance to put away the Lady Bears.

“We got it to Bernice,” said sophomore Jessica Morrow, who had 13 points. “We got the shot we wanted. It just didn’t fall.”

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boy growing up in a big city, living with his dad, sister and great aunt, and just trying to fit in and be cool. The comic strip is featured in more than 400 newspapers in the United States, including the **Waco Tribune-Herald**.

“I wanted to write something I was familiar with, and both Carlos and I could remember being 15 and trying to be cool,” Cantu said. “There’s nothing else like it and the response has been great.”

Cantu has also written two books, **The Lower You Ride, The Cooler You Are** and **Night of the Bilingual Telemarketers**. Both are compilations of his comic strip.

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