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Study says social work schools too political

Dean says BU school doesn't push politics into classrooms

By Star De La Cruz
Staff writer

Last week The National Association of Scholars released a study concluding that social work education at public schools is highly political.

The top 10 public universities with the highest enrollment in social work were chosen for the study, including the University of Texas at Austin. The researchers behind the study were interested in knowing if

political allegiances in the social work profession had "blurred the line between academic practice and political activism" and become incorporated into classrooms to change the opinions of students about social work issues and problems.

Dr. Diana Garland, dean of Baylor's School of Social Work, has read the study and said it's a political document attempting to discredit social work programs.

Garland said the aim of those behind the study is to get people on their side, which is political and not scholarly.

"It's not a good research paper," she said. "They basically

took the experiences of three students and then generalized it to all social work programs."

The study said that taking into consideration the traditional academic ideals that go against closed inquiry and partisan engagement, its findings are scandalous.

The study gives four crucial factors to support its conclusion. First, the study states that all 10 programs examined are accredited by the Council of Social Work Education. This organization "requires programs to embrace and/or prepare students to advocate for social and economic goals described by decidedly liberal/

left formulations such as social and economic justice."

Baylor's School of Social Work is accredited by the council, but Garland said it absolutely doesn't require advocacy.

"What we teach is skills of advocacy and critical thinking of assessment, not to indoctrinate (our students)," she said.

The second important finding, the study says, is that nine of the 10 programs require students to conform to the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers, which commands social workers to "engage in social and political action, to advocate for changes in policy and legislation, to

improve social conditions to meet basic human needs and promote social justice."

Garland said there is a NASW chapter on campus, but students aren't required to join.

"We're prohibited to advocate certain legislation to our students, and that would be considered unethical for NASW," Garland said. "The study is full of errors and wrong about what they say is going on in the classrooms."

Katy junior Lizzy Hamburg, a social work major, said the academic discipline goes beyond politics.

"Part of the social worker's job is to work with the govern-

ment and trying to advocate social justice," she said. "I don't necessarily think it matters if you're conservative or liberal or if you even care about politics as much as you care about humans and their problems."

The third finding of the study states that the mission statements of the chosen programs are full of ideologically burdened statements dealing with the empowerment of the oppressed and understanding how discrimination leads to poverty, racism and sexism.

The mission statement of Bay-

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Learning centers go global

New living community proposed to help international students, Baylor students interact

By Shannon Daily
Reporter

With five Living-Learning Centers up and running, Baylor officials have decided to go global.

An Intercultural Community Living-Learning Center has been proposed to start in fall 2008, bringing the total number of programs established since 2003 to six.

"This fall we have 1,200 students in a residential learning community. That's up from zero in '03-'04," Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said.

The woman with the vision behind the program is Janet Norden, an instructor in the Spanish department.

Shushok said "the great thing for us has been encountering Janet," since the programs only form through proposals offered by the academic departments.

Norden said she originally had the idea in 1992. She said she nurtured the idea until last spring, when the proposal was announced at a candlelight procession attended by more than 300 Baylor students and held to promote intercultural awareness.

There will be 38 positions available in the center, two reserved for community leaders and nine for international students, Norden said.

She said the center would be on the first floor of Brooks Flats, and every room will have one international student paired with two to five American students. The language the international student speaks natively would be "the only language those walls should hear," Norden said.

This aspect of the program will be mostly enforced through the honor code, but Lingo Groups, discussion groups under the supervision of a faculty partner, will be formed to hold students accountable.

The students are expected to enroll in the program for a minimum of two years. They are also expected to spend at least one semester abroad. The students will participate in sensitivity training and cultural training to prepare for their time abroad.

The program is designed for students of any religious affiliation, but they must have an interest in spiritual growth.

"It's not just for anyone," Norden said. "It's an immersion experience. It's not easy, but it's highly beneficial."

Arkansas sophomore Stephen Williams is a mentor with the Leadership Living-Learning Center and agrees the experience within the centers is beneficial.

"I actually came into it expecting less than I got from it," Williams said.

The other programs in operation right now are Brooks Residential College; the Honors College; Leadership, Engineering & Computer Science; and Outdoor Adventure Living-Learning Centers.

Students of any major may apply for the Intercultural Living-Learning Center.

"The whole point of this is whatever major — biology, philosophy — they'll have a global dimension to their education that they wouldn't otherwise have," Norden said.

Leadership skills are also highly valued in applicants.

"We need people willing to share the leadership. I want their thoughts, what they like and

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Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Sitting pretty

Longview junior Taylor Thomas plays with her roommate's cat on Monday near Waco Hall.

9 strategic proposals accepted

Programs to be implemented over course of 10 years, to cost \$20 million

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Baylor is moving forward with Baylor 2012 initiatives by selecting nine strategic proposals for immediate implementation. The chosen proposals were revealed at Friday's universitywide faculty and staff meeting.

The accepted proposals include the inception of a doctoral program in comparative religion studies and literature; a doctoral program in information technologies; a doctoral program in environmental sciences; an interdisciplinary master's program in environmental health sciences; an academy of teaching and learning; expansion of the center for reservoir and aquatic systems research; expansion of the Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion; creation of seven research scholar positions under the vice provost for research; and the creation of a research initiative in terrestrial paleoclimatology. Various colleges and programs at Baylor submitted proposals for consideration for a total of 59.

Proposals must include a budget and describe sources of revenue for the proposal. Internal funding for the proposals is limited.

At Friday's meeting, President John Lilley said "our financial team feels comfortable having our university invest approximately \$2 million dollars in new programs in each of the next two years."

"The dollars for these programs will come from a surplus that results from our conservative financial model," he added. "It is a slightly less conservative strategy than we've been following, but we believe it is a prudent strategy."

Dr. Larry Lyon, vice provost for institutional effectiveness, said this is a small amount considering the estimated \$1.2 billion dollar price tag if all 59 proposals were implemented over the course of 10 years. The cost of

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Survey gives BU low marks on sexual health

By Caitlin Forehand
Reporter

Baylor Bears are experts on many things, but "the birds and the bees" may not be one of them.

The makers of Trojan brand condoms released their second annual Sexual Health Report Card, in which they ranked 139 colleges and universities across the United States, including Baylor.

Baylor was ranked 134 with a "GPA" of 1.45. It is the lowest-ranked school in the Big 12 and in Texas.

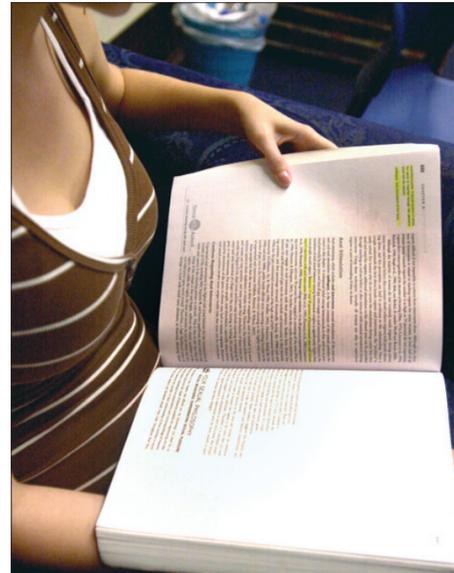
Lori Fogleman, director of media relations at Baylor, called the survey "goofy" and "a marketing tactic." She said Baylor was unconcerned with the low ranking.

"These kinds of 'college surveys' are a dime a dozen these days," she said. "Companies have their own reasons for doing them, and we really don't spend our time analyzing and responding to each and every survey."

In Trojan's sexual report card, it states the survey was necessary because the United States has the highest rates of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies among developed countries. The report cites statistics for the U.S. such as "more than 750,000 unintended teenage pregnancies, 19 million sexually transmitted infections, and more than 1 billion acts of unprotected sex among single adults."

To conduct the survey, researchers polled college health centers and reviewed the schools' Web sites. They then assigned a GPA based on 11 categories. Among others, these categories include: sexual health and awareness programs, condom and contraception availability, HIV testing, sexual assault programs, usability of online sexual health information, anonymous advice and lecture outreach programs.

Nancy Keating, director of nurses at Baylor's health center, said they offer



Human Sexuality, a textbook for Baylor's course on human sexuality, is customized by the publisher for the university. It contains two photocopied chapters on sexual behaviors and pleasure and sexual problems and solutions. The chapters also contain large areas of white space, seen here.

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Laurisa Lopez

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Morriss deserves more time to save Baylor football

If you want to point to a particular situation as a road map of how not to build a college football program, it won't be long until your finger finds the Baylor football program in 1992.

It will pass over illustrious tank jobs like SMU, major conference programs that sport longer bowl droughts than Baylor (like Vanderbilt) and it will even find programs that were surprisingly even with Baylor in 1992.

Believe it or not, Baylor finished ahead of Oklahoma and Texas in the Southwest Conference standings that year.

Why 1992? Fair question, and an important year in Baylor athletics. Perhaps the most important date for the football program. That is, until Guy Morriss, or anyone for that matter, proves their competence is equal to that of the last Baylor football coach worth his salt.

That man was Grant Teaff, and that year was Teaff's last as head coach in Waco.

It's hard to believe that Teaff is now 15 years removed from the program that still bears his initials where the stone and mortar meet.

Teaff will never be considered one of the great coaches in NCAA history, but he was all things to a program that had fallen on hard times.

Former head coach John Bridgers had one winning season in his final six before leaving the program in 1968. Bill Beall, the coach before Teaff arrived, compiled a 3-28 record in his three years. That included a winless season in 1969, the year Texas was busy winning a game dubbed "The Game of the Century" against Arkansas en route to a National Championship.

That's what Grant Teaff was up against on the recruiting trail when he arrived on campus in 1972. Simply put, Teaff changed the face of Baylor football. At a mercurial time when the life of the program seemed to be on the verge of flat-lining completely,

sports take

BY WILL PARCHMAN



Teaff was the safety net to catch it. But this isn't about Teaff.

This is about what has happened since. Teaff left the program in good shape, with a Sun Bowl win in its pocket and a number of highly touted recruits peppering the roster.

One of those was the leading passer in school history (J.J. Joe), a stunningly fast defensive end who broke the school record for sacks in a season (Scotty Lewis), and arguably the best offensive lineman in school history (Fred Miller).

And that's just a taste.

Chuck Reedy, the replacement, did a serviceable job with Teaff's troops. But four years into his project, the bottom fell out. With the formation of the Big 12

in 1996, Baylor was standing on coveted ground. It was a newly formed uber-conference which had something to prove against the older, more established conferences like the SEC and the Pac-10, and Baylor was its lone private institution.

If you play a game of "Big 12: which of these is not like the other," Baylor was and still is your answer.

That's why, when Reedy turned in a 1-7 conference record in Baylor's first year in the Big 12, then-President Robert Sloan's new administration panicked. Baylor needed to prove it belonged, and to the higher-ups, Reedy was not their man. Exit Chuck Reedy.

Dave Roberts was an equally disastrous mistake. He inherited a situation not unlike the one Teaff assumed 25 years earlier. The program was teetering on the brink once again, but this time the safety net wasn't there.

Roberts served as a concrete floor instead, allowing the program to crash to alarming new

lows. Roberts deserved to be fired, but when he was axed just two years and two 1-7 conference records later, it set an alarming precedent.

Then there was Kevin Steele. His one conference win in four seasons remains one of the most embarrassing statistics I've ever seen. Steele burned bridges on the recruiting trail that the current regime is still trying to rebuild.

Which brings us back to Morriss. This, in a large nutshell, is what he's facing. But you already knew that.

You already knew that Morriss' six conference wins over the last three years double the number put up by Steele and Roberts combined.

It seems that Morriss' free-wheeling style has endeared him to the majority of the fan base, a bond that became somewhat tenuous after the TCU debacle, but grumblings abound from those itchy trigger-finger higher-ups.

Mike Singletary, the man

who Morriss already beat out once for the Baylor head coaching job, has been raised in discussions. Never mind that he's never been an offensive or defensive coordinator, let alone a head coach.

These are rumors, sure, but they don't surprise me, and they shouldn't surprise you, even if the truth behind them is dubious. Why should they? The decisions made by the men pulling the strings have been utterly baffling since Teaff's departure.

Now that the gears are finally in motion for a much needed \$34 million practice facility, it's more important than ever that Morriss be left alone.

A message to President John Lilley and the Baylor Board of Regents: Don't repeat past mistakes. They have haunted us before and will continue to do so unless the cycle is broken.

We've got a positive thing rolling with Morriss.

Let's keep this one going. Will Parchman is a senior journalism major from Austin.

Editorial Summit summons awareness

With suicide being the second-leading cause of death among college students according to a 2004 study by the American College Association, it's easy to see why universities should be stepping up and doing something about it.

Luckily for us, Baylor is one of the universities taking education and prevention to the next level. Last year, Baylor began taking initiative by organizing a mental health summit for faculty and staff.

The goal of the summit is to help recognize early signs and symptoms of students who may be emotionally distressed and inform them of the services available so they may be able to steer students in the right direction.

Not only was last year's summit successful, but Baylor has gone a step further and organized summits for students this semester.

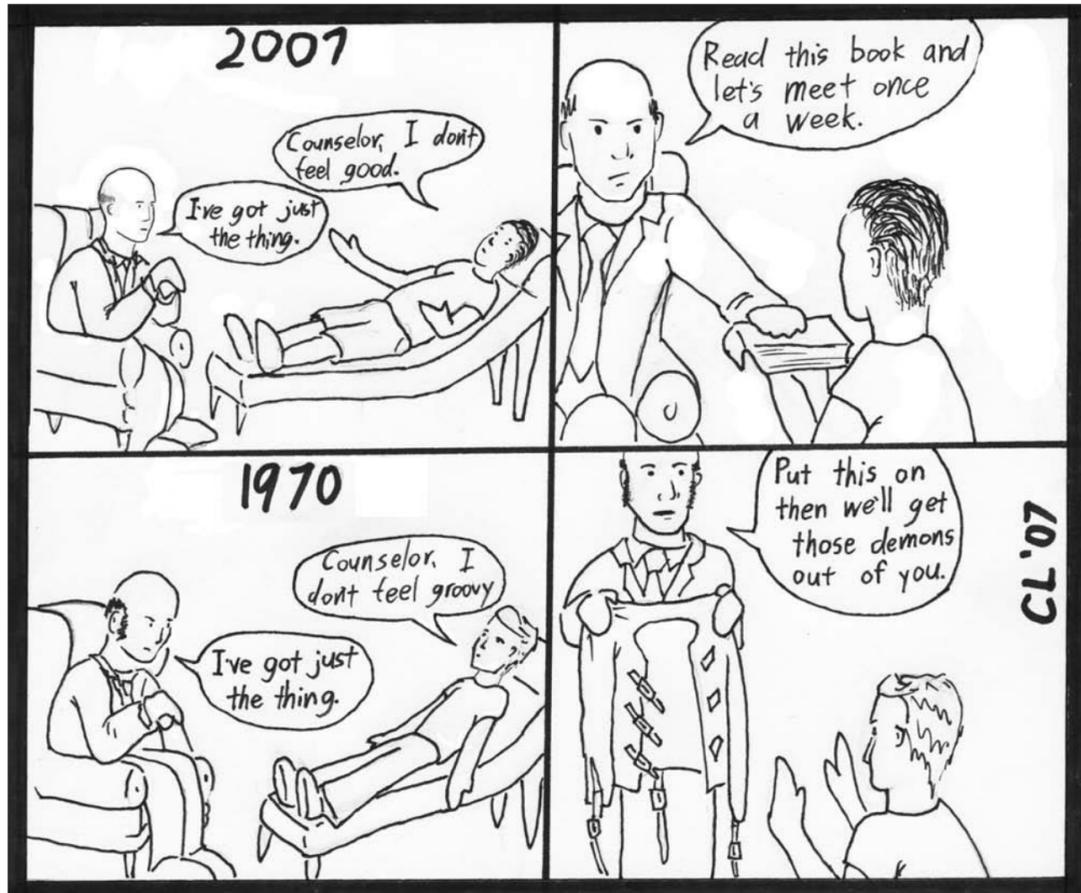
These summits have similar goals of directly informing students not only what to do about themselves, but also how to help a friend.

With the amount of pressure put on college students to be successful in this day and age, Baylor is doing an excellent job alleviating some of the burden felt by students and making an effort to reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues.

By encouraging faculty to live among the students and increasing the staff from four to six health professionals at the Baylor Counseling Center, Baylor has proven it has students' best interests at heart.

We witnessed several situations last year in which students lost their lives due to tragedy.

Counselors were made available



after these unfortunate events and served as a great comfort to the student body.

These summits could go a long way toward preventing tragedies that could arise from being put in such a situation again.

Using Baylor's available resources in addition to faculty and students being able to identify problems, we are being given essential tools to combat what is nothing short of a crisis among young people.

The only thing that could really

hurt prevention efforts is if students and faculty do not take the problem seriously and are not willing to take advantage of available resources.

By striving to reduce the stigma that comes with mental health issues, this will allow students and faculty to be more open with each other and more willing to seek help. The counseling center promises confidentiality and gives students their first seven visits free of charge.

Students should take advantage of Baylor's mental health summit because

mental health is just as important as physical health.

The next summit will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Union Building. For faculty, the next summit will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 3 in room 151 of Robinson Tower.

Last year the Baylor Counseling Center helped 790 students and with participation in student and faculty summits this year, the Baylor community could help even more.

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Corrections

In the Sept. 12 article "BU faculty, alumni go off-Broadway," Dr. Marion Castleberry and Steven Pounders' titles were incorrectly attributed. Dr. Marion Castleberry is a full professor and Steven Pounders is an associate professor.

The Sept. 12 article "Faculty Senate focuses on involvement," incorrectly attributed a statement that should have been attributed to Faculty Senate chairman Matthew Cordon.

Letters to the editor

He also refers to the "fundamentalist element," the radical Christians I suppose, using this as a ruse to complain about religious persecution.

His most egregious error is when he says, "And while it is somewhat true that we are historically Christian, many of the founders were far from orthodox Christians, despite what revisionist versions of history may say otherwise."

This is the first time I have

heard a claim that religious groups (I assume the "religious right") are the ones revising history.

Regardless of this point, it doesn't matter what I say about the Founding Fathers' religious views. Let's hear their words on the subject. In a letter to Dr. Benjamin Rush, Thomas Jefferson says, "To the corruptions of Christianity I am, indeed, opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. I am

a Christian in the only sense in which he wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others..."

George Washington had a personal prayer book in which he wrote, "Direct my thoughts, words and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit..."

Finally, Madison wrote in his manuscripts on the Gospels and

book of Acts, "Christ's Divinity appears by St. John, chapter XX, 2..." I believe it is fairly clear that these men were not quite as skeptical of the "Trinity and the divinity of Christ" as Mr. Briggs thinks they were.

Even so, suppose they really were Deists. Is including the phrase "Under God" an affront to that view? His last misleading implication comes when he sarcastically speaks in the words of those who supposedly support

the phrase, saying, "That way ... [they] can't stop little Johnny or Susie from sharing their faith on the state's time anymore."

Last time I checked, the citizens pay the government to go to school, not the other way around. And I suppose it is a bad thing to share the Gospel at school, or is that another arena where God is not allowed and has no place?

Luke Womble
Engineering, 2011

Straight from the Founders

I must respectfully disagree with some of Brad Briggs' points in his column concerning the pledge to the Texas flag.

First of all, he implies in the very beginning that the same politicians who wanted to put God in the pledge believe you are a bad Christian if you do not know the pledge.

Who is he to say that they equate the two?

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Former students guilty

Cunningham, Ferguson sentenced in separate criminal cases

By Star De La Cruz
Staff Writer

Thirty-three-year-old David Paul Cunningham pleaded guilty Thursday, to two felony counts of maliciously conveying false information. Court records show Cunningham, who was expelled from the Baylor in 2001, was arrested in May for making bomb threats to a Baylor operator. According to the Associated Press, Cunningham also made threats to Baylor police chief Jim Doak, who declined to comment. These incidents occurred shortly after the slayings at Virginia Tech when college campuses were on heightened alert. His sentencing is set for Nov. 2 where he could get up to 20 years in prison.

Former Baylor student Matthew Todd Ferguson pleaded guilty on Sept. 6 to one count of sexual assault and three counts of improper visual recording in the 54th District McLennan County Court. Ferguson will serve a combined sentence of 25 years. After searching his home in San Marcos in 2006, police say they found more than a dozen sexually-explicit videotapes featuring Ferguson and 18 different women, most of which were filmed at Ferguson's former residence in Waco.

Baylor women's basketball player Latara Darrett and volleyball player Ashlee Cooper turned themselves into police after an Aug. 7 altercation in Cameron Park. They have arraignment dates set for Oct. 17 at the McLennan County Courthouse where they face class A misdemeanor assault charges.

According to the Waco Tribune-Herald, Cooper was suspended indefinitely from team play after turning herself in to Waco police on Sept. 4.

Sports editor Will Parchman contributed to this article.



President Bush, right, announces his choice for attorney general, retired federal judge Michael Mukasey, left, to replace Alberto Gonzales, Monday in the Rose Garden of the White House.

Mukasey nominated for attorney general

By Deb Riechmann
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON— President Bush, seeking to avoid a possible confirmation fight over a fiercely partisan candidate, chose retired federal judge Michael B. Mukasey Monday to replace Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Democrats said Bush made a wise choice and raised no immediate objections.

As chief judge of the busy U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Mukasey had presided over high-profile terrorism cases.

"He knows what it takes to fight this war effectively and he knows how to do it in a manner consistent with our laws and our Constitution," Bush said, standing next Mukasey in the Rose Garden.

The president urged the Senate to quickly confirm Mukasey, who would be Bush's third attorney general.

If approved by the Senate,

Mukasey would take charge of a Justice Department where morale is low following months of investigations into the firings of nine U.S. attorneys and Gonzales' sworn testimony on the Bush administration's terrorist surveillance program.

Mukasey said he was honored to be Bush's nominee to take the helm of the department.

"My finest hope and prayer at this time is that if confirmed I can give them the support and the leadership they deserve," he said.

There had been rampant speculation that Bush might turn to former Solicitor General Ted Olson for the job, but key Democrats on Capitol Hill said they believed Olson too partisan a figure and indicated they would fight his nomination. The White House acknowledged that Bush had interviewed others for the job besides Mukasey.

The White House said that ease of confirmation was a factor, but not the decisive one,

in Bush's selection. Bush critics contended that Mukasey's nomination was evidence of the president's weakened political clout as he heads into the final 15 months of his term.

Senate Democrats declared no outright opposition to Mukasey.

But they made clear that there would be no confirmation hearings until the administration answers outstanding questions about the White House's role in the firings of federal prosecutors over the winter.

"Our focus now will be on securing the relevant information we need so we can proceed to schedule fair and thorough hearings," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Cooperation from the White House will be essential in determining that schedule."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said the answers Leahy seeks are important, but not enough to delay the installation of someone to stabilize a leaderless

Justice Department hobbled by scandal.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he believes the president listened to Congress and decided against a more partisan replacement for Gonzales.

He said Mukasey had "strong professional credentials and a reputation for independence."

"A man who spent 18 years on the federal bench surely understands the importance of checks and balances and knows how to say no to the president when he oversteps the Constitution," said Reid, D-Nev. "But there should be no rush to judgment. The Senate Judiciary Committee must carefully examine Judge Mukasey's views on the complex legal challenges facing the nation."

Friday was the last day of Gonzales' 2-1/2 years at Justice. He resigned amid a continuing controversy over the firings of several federal prosecutors and questions about the administration's warrantless eavesdropping program.

Legal experts question Simpson's treatment

By Ryan Nakashima
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - News conferences, a slew of felony charges, a perp walk in handcuffs and detention in a holding cell without bail — it's clear authorities aren't giving O.J. Simpson any celebrity breaks.

Police insist such treatment is prudent for a man whose name is synonymous with a slow-speed chase from officers in a white Ford Bronco.

But legal experts are questioning whether Simpson is being singled out for extra-tough prosecution in his casino-hotel robbery case as payback for his murder acquittal more than a decade ago.

"It is regrettable that America has not gotten over the O.J. Simpson criminal case," said Carl Douglas, who was co-counsel with Johnnie L. Cochran in Simpson's 1995 criminal trial.

"The fact that he is being held without bail seems unfair and over the top," Douglas said. "O.J. has always been able to satisfy his obligations to the court. He cooperated with the authorities in this case. He is not a flight risk. And he certainly can't hide anywhere."

At least six plainclothes policemen, accompanied by a handful of hotel security guards, arrested Simpson on Sunday at The Palms casino-



Associated Press

Former NFL player O.J. Simpson is transferred to the Clark County Detention Center in Las Vegas, Sunday. A prosecutor in Las Vegas says O.J. Simpson "is facing a lot of time" in connection with an alleged armed robbery.

hotel. He was accused of leading an armed heist of sports memorabilia. Simpson said he was only reclaiming possessions that had been stolen.

"By our standard, there was no major show of force," Sgt. John Loretto said.

Simpson was handcuffed and taken in a police vehicle to the Clark County Detention Center to be booked on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a dead-

ly weapon. If convicted of the charges, he could get up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count alone.

Simpson became inmate number 2648927.

Justice of the Peace Douglas Smith, who made the decision to hold Simpson without bail, was "concerned about the flight factor" and because Simpson had no ties to the Las Vegas area, said Judge Nancy Oesterle, who addressed reporters on Monday.

Arraignment was set for Wednesday.

Police said they were giving Simpson no special treatment — other than keeping him separated from the rest of the general prison population for his own protection.

In June 1994, Los Angeles police gave Simpson a day and a time to turn himself in to face allegations he had killed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman.

It was a courtesy, said then-prosecutor Marcia Clark, often extended to celebrities or those with no criminal record.

Instead, Simpson jumped in an SUV, apparently with a loaded gun and ready to commit suicide, and led police and media helicopters on a dramatic, televised chase before surrendering.

"The Bronco chase was a nightmare," said Clark, now a special correspondent for "Entertainment Tonight." "Certainly he has abused that courtesy, so I would not expect anyone to extend it to him again."

In a clear misstatement, Capt. James Dillon said Friday at a news conference that, because Simpson was involved, police were being extra careful to conduct "a thorough, biased and competent investigation."

But some think it might have been more than a slip of the tongue.

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Freshman receiver takes advantage of first start

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

True freshman wide receiver Krys Buerck went through team drills last Friday as he did any other day. He ran sprints, fielded passes and went through the team's practice routine expecting to play sparingly as a backup.

That was until head coach Guy Morriss approached him during practice.

"Coach gave me the opportunity, and he actually told me Friday that I was going to be playing because one of my teammates went down," Buerck said.

That teammate was starting junior wide receiver Thomas White, who had three receptions and a touchdown against Rice last week.

Junior receiver Mikail Baker is also out for at least four weeks with a broken collarbone after suffering the injury in last week's win against Rice.

White's veteran experience was to be replaced with Buerck's youth, and the youngster didn't disappoint.

In his first start just three games into his college career, Buerck led all receivers with seven receptions Saturday for 85 yards and, perhaps most notably for Buerck, the first touchdown of his Baylor career in a 34-27 win over Texas State University.

"It was a very exciting moment," Buerck said. "To get the opportunity to start a game, that's very exciting for me."

Buerck's touchdown came at the 5:14 mark in the second quarter with Baylor leading by

just seven points.

Buerck caught a quick pass from quarterback Blake Szymanski on a wide receiver screen towards the middle of the field and scuttled 11 yards to stretch the Baylor lead to 21-7.

"I just found a hole and went to the house," Buerck said.

Head coach Guy Morriss said Buerck's contributions took a lot of pressure off the offense in White and Baker's absences.

"I thought he grew up a lot," Morriss said. "That's a kid in his third collegiate game and had a



Buerck

good night for us."

Buerck, a 6-foot-1 receiver from Mesquite High School, credits his teammates for giving him a boost and allowing him to settle into a groove against Texas State.

"My nerves weren't really with me because my teammates and my friends really backed me up," Buerck said. "There's nothing for me to be nervous about because my teammates are always with me."

Sophomore inside receiver Brad Taylor, a converted quarterback, was one of those teammates.

Taylor was one of five different receivers to catch a touchdown pass Saturday, the second straight week that has happened.

"He's been playing real good

for us," said Taylor, who had five catches for 85 yards and a touchdown.

"I'm real proud of the way he's come out to play, and he's not playing like a freshman, like a regular freshman would. He's come out to play, made some big plays for us and we're real proud of him."

Buerck, the intrepid freshman who was still playing high school football at this time last year, became Szymanski's go-to target.

Szymanski was also quick to point out Buerck's poise and confidence when the game was tight.

"Say what you want, he doesn't really play like a true freshman," said Szymanski, who threw for one less yard and one less touchdown than he did last

week. "He's really fast out there, made some great plays."

Ultimately, the decision to put a freshman in the lineup lay with the coaching staff, and Buerck was all too happy to take the baton.

"They gave me the opportunity to step up and I took the opportunity to play and to show my coaches that I'm not scared to play as a true freshman," he said.

The mere fact that a freshman can have a day like that, Szymanski said, speaks to the versatility of the offense and the ability for almost any receiver to have a big day.

It just so happened Saturday was Buerck's day.

"If the quarterback throws me the ball, I'll catch the ball," Buerck said.

BU senior netter takes long journey to top spot

By Caroline Korsawe
Reporter

Daily practices and workouts are not unusual for senior Zuzana Zemenova, who started playing tennis at age 7 in her hometown of Kosice, Slovakia. From an early age, Zemenova had the vision of becoming a professional tennis player.

In Dec. 2003, her life went in a different direction. Head coach Joey Scrivano went to Slovakia for a recruiting trip and after watching her hit for a few minutes, he realized that there was something unique about her.

"I knew that she was a special player," Scrivano said.

Zemenova never had any intentions of going to the U.S. — it was her parents and former coach who made the decision.

After winning the NCAA Individual Championship in 2005 and finishing third in 2007, Zemenova set high personal and team goals. As she heads into her final year she wants to win the individual competition one more time. However, she values team goals over personal goals.

"I want to win the NCAA Championship with the team," Zemenova said. "It's all about hard work and belief in yourself. I am trying to do my best in every aspect. On the court and in the weight room."

Zemenova is confident that together with the team they will achieve their goals. She has high expectations from the freshmen. "I know they can be really good players, so I expect the best," Zemenova said.

This season, she will take on a special role as the No. 1 singles player and the only senior on the team. Zemenova said there might be times when she won't be able to handle the situation well enough, but she will do her best to push the team and accomplish their goals.

Scrivano said from the first day she arrived on campus, eyes have always been on her. People were aware of her potential and had high expectations.

Although there is always some pressure involved, Scrivano said he strongly believes in her ability to lead the team.

Since the beginning of this semester she noticed changes in her mind-set.

"She wants to become a better leader and is working really hard at trying to work on her weaknesses as a leader," Scrivano said.

"She is a big role model. We really couldn't have asked for anybody better at leading by example."

Strength coach Shaun McPherson is surprised how aggressively Zemenova adopted her role as a team leader.

"She is less concerned about herself,

as much as she is with the role productivity of the team," McPherson said. He gave an account of Zemenova in one of the team's first fall workouts.

Zemenova took a struggling freshman by the hand and pulled her up the stairs of Floyd Casey Stadium during practice.

Before, she might have left the freshman behind. Zemenova understands her role as the only senior, McPherson said.

"She understands the significance of this being her last opportunity to catch the elusive team title," McPherson said. "She is very hungry to repeat as an individual champion in her final go-round."

Although Zemenova showed a lot of improvement since her freshman

year, there are a lot of areas that need work, Scrivano said. Scrivano emphasized the importance of realizing that college tennis and professional tennis differ greatly.

"When you go on the tour nothing is given to you. You have to really work hard to prove herself to the next level," Scrivano said. "A big part of being a professional is where your heart is. If your heart is really into it, with the talent that she has, she can have a great career."

Volunteer assistant coach John Faribault knew Zemenova from the first day she arrived and said he believes in her talent. But he also emphasized that playing on the tour demands lots of commitment, extra effort and a selfish personality.

"There's a lot of hungry players out there, the way she has to enter this," Faribault said.

"They're going to fight her for that same position that's there. So it depends. A lot of this is going to be mental as to what she really wants to do."

After the NCAA Championship in May 2008, Zemenova said she wants to start her professional career in the U.S.

This largely depends on whether she can find a coach and a sponsor to finance her travels.

She said her ultimate goal is to work her way up into the top 100 within two years. Zemenova is convinced that staying in the U.S. is the right decision. Although she is separated from her family in Slovakia, she said she has developed strong ties to Baylor.

As McPherson said, "Once you've been a Baylor Bear, you're always a Baylor Bear."



Zemenova



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

True freshman wide receiver Krys Buerck scores on a screen pass in the second quarter to give Baylor a 21-7 lead. Buerck, starting the first game of his college career, caught seven passes for 85 yards and a touchdown.

Growing pains temper BU victory

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Baylor struggled with Texas State University on Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium, but the Bears managed to pull a 34-27 victory from the surging Bobcats.

With just 1:13 remaining in the game, Joe Bennett recovered an onside kick, securing the Bears' win.

"We didn't play as well as we (had) hoped, but we did enough to get a win," head coach Guy Morriss said.

The Bears came out firing with 14 first-quarter points, but the offense struggled until the fourth — if nearly breaking a school passing record for the second week in a row can be called "struggling."

Quarterback Blake Szymanski tallied 411 yards, one shy of last week's total. He passed for five touchdowns and dispersed them to five different players. Fullback Keegan Vann, halfback Jay Finley and wide receiver Krys Buerck all scored their first career touchdowns.

"(Buerck) played with a lot of con-

confidence," Morriss said. "He made a couple freshman mistakes, but if he continues to catch the ball and give us that kind of effort, then we can live with a few freshman mistakes, I can tell you that."

But Szymanski wasn't impressed with his unit's production.

"It was an OK game, I guess," Szymanski said. "The first couple of drives we were hitting it pretty good. The second all the way to the fourth quarter we kind of played flat."

The lopsided win over Rice University combined with the Bobcats' loss to Abilene Christian University may have induced complacency, Morriss said.

"(Texas State) played well last night," he said. "It's hard to put your finger on because we warned them all week about that. They have got to be ready to play every time they step on the field."

One player who was ready to play was freshman halfback Jay Finley. His promotion gave the Bears the spark they needed. Only rushing for 22 yards, he made his mark when he

scored his first collegiate touchdown on a screen pass early in the fourth.

His performance was enough to get him the start against the University of Buffalo, Morriss said.

And Baylor's defense, which has controlled the third quarter all season, could pose problems for the Bulls. Allowing just 15 of 49 third-down conversions, the Bears hope to get off the field quickly.

"We take pride in saying, 'On third down we've got to get off the field,'" linebacker Joe Pawelek said. "If they start converting on third down then things go downhill."

But the Bears will have to improve if they hope to win this weekend. Slow offensive production and pass defense will be areas of concern for Morriss.

"Some of the guys on my staff tell me that Buffalo is a pretty good football team. They've got some good athletes that make plays. We're going to have to zero down on our focus and eliminate our mental mistakes."

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Music fest heats up Austin

By Katherine Farlow and Roger Lara Reporters

A three-day weekend packed with 130 bands on eight different stages – what more could a music fan want? Despite sweltering temperatures, Zilker Park in Austin was filled this past weekend with an array of people for the sixth annual Austin City Limits music festival.

FESTIVAL REVIEW

Though nobody likes the heat or being pressed up against total strangers, these were realities that festival-goers were willing to accept in the name of music.

Crowds at ACL had to deal with a different kind of heat, though, when flames went up Friday afternoon near the food concession trailers, injuring four people, two critically.

Fans gathered to see their favorite artists perform while attempting to stay cool with cardboard fans supplied at the festival or frequent trips to the misting stations. People were everywhere. The conglomeration of odors and masses of people was enough to make your head spin.

Some of the best crowds of the festival were found at the performances by LCD Soundsystem, Ziggy Marley, Wilco and M.I.A.



M.I.A. brought an energy-packed set to the festival Friday. She knows how to get people involved and had one of the best crowd interactions at the festival. M.I.A., who raps and sings with unique style, got the crowd dancing to her politically driven songs.

She even invited fans to join her in action on stage during the set. Hundreds joined her dancing on stage before security guards started ordering people down, which caused a brief halt in the music. But the energy never waned. M.I.A. engaged the crowd and kept the party going. She ended her set of 12 songs by body surfing into the sea of fans to her hit "Galang."

LCD Soundsystem also brought a good, if different, energy to the festival Friday night. It was refreshing to see a band that seems to be completely anti-image, at least the way Hollywood sells it.

Frontman James Murphy came on stage in dirty jeans and a tattered shirt that looked as if it could have once been white. The band is basically a bunch of nerds on stage doing their own thing, which seems to fit perfectly with the whole vibe Austin gives off.

On Saturday night, Arcade Fire amazed fans with their vocal

and instrumental abilities. They played 14 songs, many from their most recent album, *Neon Bible*, as a red-and-black light show went on around them. The band's Regine Chassagne kept the crowd entertained with her exaggerated moves as she acted out some of the songs.

Chassagne and other band members switched from instrument to instrument throughout the set, making it seem as if they had an entire orchestra on stage. Their performance kept everyone involved as the fans sang along. And just when the crowd thought the set was over, they came back for an encore, with a fantastic rendition of "Wake Up."

Sunday's schedule boasted the most entertaining lineup.

Hip-hop artist Common provided a positive message for fans, asking them to raise their fists for unity for every man and woman as he chanted about social awareness.

Singer and pianist Regina Spektor also drew in a large crowd, which bobbed their heads to her upbeat songs. On stage, Spektor demonstrated her many talents as she tapped rhythms with a drumstick on a chair while simultaneously playing the piano and singing.

Not many problems seemed to arise this year, except maybe a few debates over which band to see, such as ACL veterans Wilco or My Morning Jacket – whose performances were scheduled simultaneously Sunday evening. Wilco opened with two songs from their new album, *Sky Blue Sky*, and fans sang along as they played "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" and "Impossible Germany."

But My Morning Jacket could be heard in the background across the park from Wilco's stage. The band kept the audience captivated and the lead singer sported a long blond wig throughout the set. They proved their worthiness of performing for large audiences as their vocals resonated through the speakers during their 11-song set.

A light show shone on the set of Austin-based duo Ghostland Observatory, and their electronic music got the crowd dancing. Thomas Ross Turner donned a white, sequined cape as he played the drums and singer/guitarist Aaron Behrens rocked two long braided ponytails. The duo captured the audience with their energetic beats, creating a giant dance party.

Ziggy Marley brought an overall good mood and some of the reggae grooves his father,

Bob Marley, was known for. Reggae artists and Rastafarians have found a good way of expressing their pain – artistically, spiritually and physically – which can be seen and felt in the way they approach music. Ziggy had a strong set and people swaying to the beats. He covered "No Woman, No Cry," but lacked the



heartfelt power of his father. He also offered his own rendition of his father's "Buffalo Soldier."

The legendary Bob Dylan concluded the festival, and undoubtedly received the most attention, as he was the last show of the festival and didn't have to compete with any other bands for playing time. Despite his age, as well as his aging voice, the man remains an artist.

His singing in the lower octaves sounded more like a dying beast than a man pouring his soul, but maybe that's fitting. He's been living on stage for half a century, but hasn't lost any of his cutting wit.

He sang, "You think I'm over the hill/you think I'm past my prime/let me see what you got/we can have a whoppin' good time," as people flooded out of the park. Despite his age, you could still catch glimpses of his mastery whenever he made the harmonica wail, or when his voice slipped back to intelligibility. To say the least, he was still incredible.

Outside Zilker Park, people were hawking salvation through megaphones on top of pedestals while Dylan played his eventual encore. The strains of a slow version of "Like a Rolling Stone" could just be made out over the hordes of tired festival-goers.

As the festival came to an end, delirium seemed to set in as fans made the long trek back to their cars. Hydration and rest were the only things missing after the long music-filled weekend, and now all festival-goers have to do is wait for next year.



Race issues steal spotlight in 'Spinning into Butter' play

By Rea Corbin Reporter

"Most people are racists. They just don't know they're racists," says Ross Collins to Dean Sarah Daniels in the new play *Spinning Into Butter*, written by Rebecca Gilman.

Collins is played by Atlanta junior Justin Locklear, and Daniels is played by Grapevine senior Lisa Stucker.

Spinning Into Butter takes place at a fictional New England university, a school that is relatively peaceful until Simon Brick, one of its few black students, finds racist notes on his door.

Through this, Dean Daniels and the rest of the university are forced to examine their mindset, and assumptions about race.

The play is directed by Derby, Kan., graduate student Whitney Smith.

"I think Whitney chose it to challenge people," said Waco senior Deborah Benesh, who plays Dean Catherine Kenney, a university administrator.

She said she believes the play will remind audiences that theater can not only entertain, but provoke thought and discussion. The characters in the play react to the racist notes in different ways.

Benesh said her character, Dean Kenney, cares about appearances, both of herself and the university.

Conversely, she said Dean Daniels cares about her decisions and intent. She said Dean Daniels is "overly sensitive (about race) and trying to over-compensate."

The deans may be on opposite ends of the spectrum, but the audience can find something to connect to in each character, said The Woodlands junior Patrick Matzig.

Matzig plays Patrick Chibas, a student who Dean Daniels encourages to apply for a minority scholarship.

"We can relate to the characters that have some latent racism, the characters that feel subjected to it and the characters



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Baylor theatre students rehearse the play *Spinning Into Butter* Monday night in preparation for the opening tonight.

that are seeing it happen and can't do anything to stop it," he said.

Matzig said connecting to the characters is one of his hopes for the audience. "I would like them to walk away only feeling bad for the characters because they feel bad for themselves," he said.

Matzig's character, Patrick, resists the minority scholarship at first because it would mark him as different, he said.

"He's a human being, and that's just how he wants to be treated," Matzig said.

Dean Daniels struggles in her interactions with Patrick, trying to make up for any mistakes she might have made.

"What I would like is for the audience to relate and sympathize with her, and also be disappointed in her (when she fails)," Stucker said. "What all of us want is the audience to come away talking about it and arguing."

After rehearsing for more than a month, Stucker said she feels she has been made more aware of the times she might be

reacting or overcompensating based on race.

"It's made us think, 'Do I do that?'" Stucker said. "A lot of us do that subconsciously."

Longview junior Sam Hough, who plays the security guard Mr. Meyer, agreed. "Every person is in a way culpable," Hough said.

While Gilman's play offers no straight solutions, Hough said he believes it gives ideas.

"When dealing with issues like racism ... real honest dialogue is needed," Hough said.

Spinning Into Butter opens at 7:30 p.m. today will run nightly through Saturday in Mabee Theatre. The last performance will be 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 or \$10 with a student ID and can be purchased at the Hooper-Schaefer Box Office.

The Sunday matinee has already sold out and as of Monday afternoon, most of the other performances were close to selling out as well.

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The 9 approved plans will total \$20 million over the course of 10 years. Most of the selected proposals will receive funding from government and private endowments in addition to school funding, Lyon said.

In December strategic proposals were presented to the University Strategic Planning Committee, a group made up of faculty and staff members, administrators and students.

Selected proposals included ties to Baylor 2012 objectives and Baylor's mission. The committee picked the best plans, which were approved by the administration and the Baylor Board of Regents. Byron Johnson, a sociology professor and co-director of Institute for Studies of Religion, said he was pleased about the approval of his office's proposal to expand the institute. He said Baylor has received publicity for the department's research project, the Baylor Survey of Religion.

"The media now anticipate our religion study coming out every other year ... It's that kind of publicity that will help set Baylor apart," Johnson said.

Doug Rogers, assistant dean for student and information services in the School of Education, expressed excitement about the implementation of the proposal for an academy for teaching and learning.

"The need for an academy of teaching and learning has been on the wish list for a number of years," Rogers said.

This proposal is a joint effort between the graduate school and the School of Education. Starting next fall, faculty members will have more resources for teaching through the proposal, Rogers said.

Lilley and Dennis Prescott, vice president for university development, made proposal suggestions for various university programs that did not submit proposals, including "underrepresented" units.

"We've constructed a tentative list of those missing proposals," Lilley said.

Amanda Allen contributed to this story.

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testing for any sexually transmitted diseases. Although the health center does not have a lab on campus, they are usually able to get test results back in one day.

Each of the schools in the study were given letter grades for the 11 categories considered. Baylor's grades for the eleven evaluated areas are: health center hours of operation - B; doctor appointments and drop-ins - C; separate sexual awareness programs - F; contraceptives and condoms - F; HIV testing - B; STD testing - D; anonymous advice via e-mail/column - F; lecture/outreach programs - C; student peer groups - C; sexual assault programs - B; Web site - D.

Sperling's BestPlaces, a research company that specializes in rankings, conducted the surveys for Trojan and said it found that "a lack of access to information and resources may prevent some students from being sexually healthy."

Some of the biggest factors separating the higher-ranked schools from the others were availability of anonymous advice, free contraception distribution and sexual awareness programs.

The schools that ranked the highest did consistently well in all categories, and there was not necessarily just one factor that separated the higher-ranked schools from the lower ones," said Melle

Hock, a representative for Trojan.

Baylor offers a human sexuality course through the department of health, human performance and recreation.

"The information presented in the course is based on research and is accurate, up-to-date and taught in a sensitive and caring manner," Loeen Irons, a senior lecturer in the health, human performance, and recreation department, said in an e-mail interview with *The Baylor Lariat*. Irons, who teaches the sexuality course, said students are advised to take care of their sexual health.

"We also encourage students to get regular well-woman and well-man check ups and refer students to the health center if they have additional medical or counseling needs," she said.

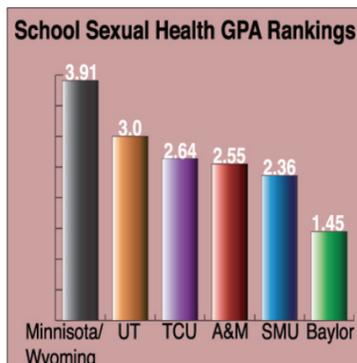
Dallas senior Katie Kennedy said she is glad Baylor offers a human sexuality class.

"I've learned a lot in the class and I'll definitely keep the textbook," she said.

But a few students in the class are somewhat frustrated with the way Baylor treats sexuality.

"We have one of the top human sexuality professors in the country, but we use a textbook that gets censored," Frisco junior Brandon Dartez said.

The textbook, which reads "custom edition" on the cover, contains two photocopied chapters on sexual behaviors and pleasure and sexual problems and



Jade Hodges/Lariat staff

solutions. The chapters also contain large areas of white space, which caused students to question what was originally printed.

Dr. Beth Lanning, associate professor in the health, human performance, and recreation department, also teaches the human sexuality class. When asked if textbooks were censored, Lanning said, "We take care of what we need to for the class."

Pearson Education, located in New Jersey, is the book's publisher. On the company Web site, Pearson addresses its custom textbook philosophy.

"The Pearson Custom Editions program effectively replaces the conventional course-pack with a custom-built

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don't like, how best to structure it," Norden said.

The Intercultural Community is also designed as a way to help international students become involved on campus.

"It's a very lonely experience," Norden said. After her experiences abroad and with international students, she wants to make their experience as friendly as possible, Norden said.

The program overall will help Baylor officials possibly make Imperative XI of Baylor 2012 one of the "most successful" imperatives, Norden said. Imperative XI aims to emphasize global education by increasing the number and quality of Baylor's international programs, raising the level of participation by students in study-abroad programs and the percentage of international students on campus and increasing faculty and student body diversity.

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lor's School of Social Work is, "To prepare students in a Christian context for experience in professional social work practice and leadership in diverse settings worldwide."

The last finding of the National Association of Scholars dealt with social work course descriptions containing highly politicized content. One course at the University of Michigan, "Organizing for Social and Political Action," is described as preparing students to use "political advocacy as a form of mobilization."

Garland said the study took courses it saw online

from the programs and chose the courses that helped prove its point.

"Our course descriptions cover everything from play therapy with abused children to organizing communities for economic and social development," Garland said.

The study states universities shouldn't be a setting for politics and concludes, "politics is politics and doctrine, doctrine, wherever it is found."

"Preparing students to think critically about social policies and positions is different from endorsing what side to be on," Garland said. "It's not a criterion in our program to ask for political preference, and it's not an

issue for us."

Hamburg said last year a group of Baylor social work students went to Austin for a social cause, but she wasn't forced to go or even encouraged to by professors; they just inform students of the events.

"In my research class we learn how to interview and analyze," Hamburg said.

"We practice with each other as well as volunteering in the community, so we learn about going into the work."

Big Spring senior Vanessa Parra, a social work major, said, "We don't ever feel like we have to go protests, rallies or marches, and we are not encouraged to protest."

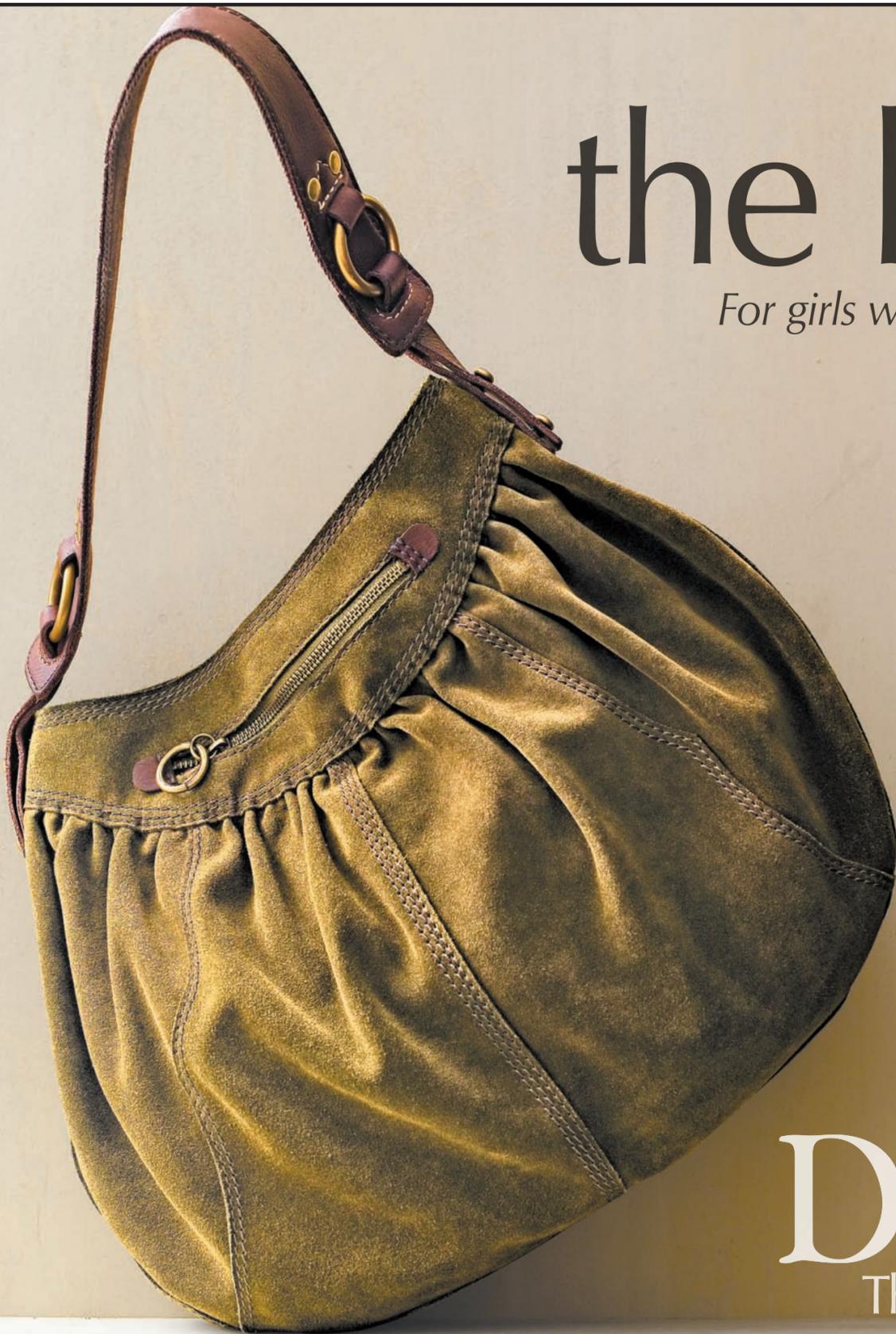
Parra said the most impor-

tant thing she has learned is how to communicate well with others, "a really important skill" in the field of social work.

There are discussions about issues, Parra said, and since all students come from different backgrounds, then they have different opinions and views.

"Our professors don't give their side, they're just there as facilitators and help us see each others' points as well as helping us move along in our discussion," Parra said.

Garland said it's very important to know that "it's not as though Baylor is different from other social work programs, but the study is too flawed to be taken seriously."



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