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Baylor treats major stress

Academic advising, Career Center aid concentration concerns

By Katherine Farlow Reporter

After the stress of choosing a college is over, then comes the stress of choosing a major.

According to the National Academic Advising Association, 65 to 70 percent of undergraduate students nationwide change their major at least once.

“A lot of students change their major from the time they’re admitted to the time they make their appointment for orientation,” Academic advising director Joyce Miller said.

Miller said academic advising works with a majority of students in their first year of college in the process of choosing a major.

An important part of academic advising is helping students find courses appropriate to options they want to leave open, and that will apply to more than one major.

Academic advising also helps students understand academic programs at Baylor and the requirements working in the time frame they have available, Miller said.

“Students need to be aware all along from the first semester about completing their degree requirement, and then there are no surprises at the end,” she said.

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Making a splash

El Paso senior Brittani Wood and Burleson senior Ryan Tatum splash their way down an inflatable water slide at Kappa Delta’s crush event, held Wednesday evening on Russell field.

AIDS lecture to address social response

Alexander talks on myths, progress

By Jackie Hyland Reporter

Dr. Sara Alexander, chairwoman and associate professor of anthropology and director of African studies, will lecture on “Infect One, Infect All? Social Responses to the AIDS Pandemic in Africa,” at 4 p.m. today in Draper 116.

Alexander will begin her lecture by giving background information about AIDS and clearing up any false ideas students may have about the disease. She will then address case

studies of HIV/AIDS within the Zulu tribe, Christianity and sexual practices within Nigeria, stigmas within Malian youth and morality issues in Burkina Faso.

“As an anthropologist, I want students to understand cultural variables as well as how different African groups address the disease and the impacts the disease has,” Alexander said.

She also said she will share what progress has been made in the world with AIDS.

“I think its important for people to know there are some positive things happening,” Alexander said. “We have this idea of this ‘gloom and doom,’ but there are some positive

things going on.”

Alexander’s lecture is a part of the Global Issues Lecture Series, directed by the Center for International Education. Michael Morrison, Jo Murphy chair in the Center for International Education and law professor, said Alexander is “a well-known speaker and her enthusiasm for her research should be shared with the Baylor community.”

Alexander’s research interests focus on the third-world development process with emphasis on livelihood security and vulnerability, food security, ecotourism, natural resource management, human dimensions of climate change and the

HIV/AIDS pandemic. She is currently on a team that is writing guidelines for the use of food aid to address impacts of HIV/AIDS in eastern and southern Africa.

“HIV/AIDS is a topic that is not only current but that affects people all over the world,” Morrison said. “Dr. Alexander’s knowledge on the topic and her studies in Africa will benefit anybody interested in HIV/AIDS and its consequences on today’s population.”

Dr. Lizbeth Souza-Fuertes, associate director of Latin American Studies and director for the lecture series, stressed the importance of these global issue lectures for students of

any major or study.

“There is a tendency for students to not be really up-to-date with current events, and in this case, AIDS is a major issue, not only in Africa, but also all over the world,” Souza-Fuertes said.

Morrison, too, said this issue has a global effect.

“As international travel takes more of those in the Baylor community abroad and increasingly brings international visitors into our daily lives, it becomes correspondingly important that we increase our knowledge and understanding of other countries and the opportunities and challenges that others around the globe face or share,” Morrison said.

Floyd Casey stadium maintained to keep fans coming



Laurissa Lopez/Lariat staff

Housing all major university donors, Bear Heights includes a separate catering service, luxury suites and picturesque views along with selective parking, ticket rates and assistance.

By Brian Bateman Sports writer

Outside Floyd Casey stadium, students, alumni, staff and visitors revel in pregame fun. But inside, many people are hurriedly running, trying to make last minute changes before the game begins.

While parking, security and pre-game activities outside of the stadium take an enormous amount of game day work to prepare, most of the work inside the stadium is done throughout the week. Constant upgrades,

maintenance and cosmetic additions all have to be coordinated with athletes, media representatives and performances.

“It’s like a synchronized swimming event. When everybody’s working, it flows,” Tom Hill, associate athletic director for facilities and events, said.

Maintenance is the largest pre-game concern. Athletes and the Golden Wave Marching Band both need time to practice on the field. And with players digging ruts in the turf, maintenance must be completed every day. Rubber granules cover the

field and must be kept consistently thick over the field, Hill said.

Beyond the field, the rest of the stadium has to be kept clean and in working order. Restrooms need cleaning, bleachers must be free of trash and the light bulbs in the training room have to work.

And do the employees get credit for their tasks?

“Nobody ever appreciates them until something doesn’t get done. Then everyone realizes it,” Hill said.

But beyond simple function-

This is part two of a three-part series on how a Baylor football game at Floyd Casey Stadium gets put together start to finish.

ality, keeping the stadium in top shape contributes to marketing goals as well.

Built in 1950, Floyd Casey stadium -- formerly Baylor sta-

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Crime report shows drop in student violations

By Anita Pere Staff writer

The annual campus crime statistics report revealed a sharp decrease of on-campus residential offenses related to alcohol. The report cites 32 offenses in 2004, 40 in 2005 and 24 in 2006.

The Baylor Police Department and the Baylor judicial affairs office released the report Tuesday.

Bethany McCraw, associate dean for judicial and student services, said Baylor officials have noticed this positive pattern for over 5 years, in not only drug and alcohol-related violations but also in all reported violations of student misconduct.

This is evident in the drop of

disciplinary referrals, a subset of student misconduct. Disciplinary referrals fell from 27 in 2004, to 24 in 2005 and 15 in 2006.

But Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak does not attribute the decrease in alcohol-related offenses to a phenomenal trend reversal, as liquor violations have frequented campus since school started this fall.

“Year to year those (figures of liquor offenses) fluctuate. It just depends on the crowd, the nature of that year’s particular class. We noted a distinctively different class has arrived on campus this year and there’s been much more alcohol consumption in many capacities,” Doak said.

He said liquor violations, whether on campus or off, have

increased this fall. The Baylor crime log, updated daily by the Baylor Police Department, lists 16 residential alcohol violations since this fall’s Welcome Week. This brings total on-campus liquor violations since Welcome Week to 22.

This may be attributed to a recent initiative. Waco Police Department received a \$42,500 grant from the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission in June to aid Baylor’s zero-tolerance alcohol policy.

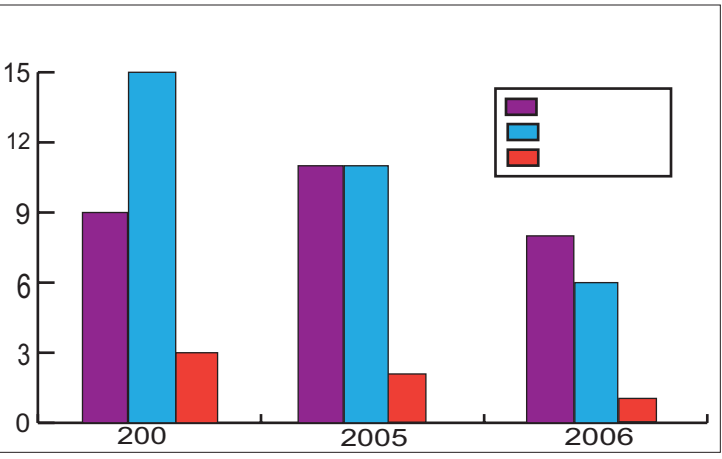
Despite the figures, Dr. Martha Lou Scott, associate vice president for Student Life, said it seems too soon to collect and analyze data from this year’s drinking violations.

Doak said in years past, Parents Weekend meant fewer alcohol-related violations, except

in cases of “parents furnishing alcohol to their sons and daughters.”

Burglary was accounted for in the report, counting 13 burglaries each year in 2004 and 2005. Fifteen burglaries were reported in 2006. These figures have not changed much, Doak said, despite allegations of Waco crime moving closer to campus. Doak said he thinks crime near campus has been an on-going issue for many years. The report listed no hate crimes for years 2004 through 2006. The case of Nohayia Javed, a Muslim student attacked on campus in 2006, was not deemed a hate crime.

“Between ourselves and the FBI, we did a major league, in-depth investigation,” Doak said. “The elements were not there, that you could classify it as a



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hate crime,” Doak said.

Doak also commented on sex offenses on campus, one of which was reported last year. He said this offense occurred between two friends.

If a case ever arose of a random rapist attacking a female on campus, Baylor police would instate an official alert, Doak

said.

The campus crime statistics report is compiled each year in accordance with the Clery Act.

Originally the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the law requires colleges to report on significant areas of concern to college students’ safety.

Editorial

Activism goes beyond blogging

We college students represent the next generation of leaders in the United States, yet how involved can we consider ourselves in our country, let alone in the rest of the world?

As the Internet generation, we have more resources at our fingertips than ever before. We use the Internet for everything from reading the news and communicating to entertainment and social networking.

Many young people have even taken advantage of blogging as a tool for online activism. But it takes much more than that.

Blogging allows people to generate ideas online and start a conversation about political and social issues in dire need of being discussed.

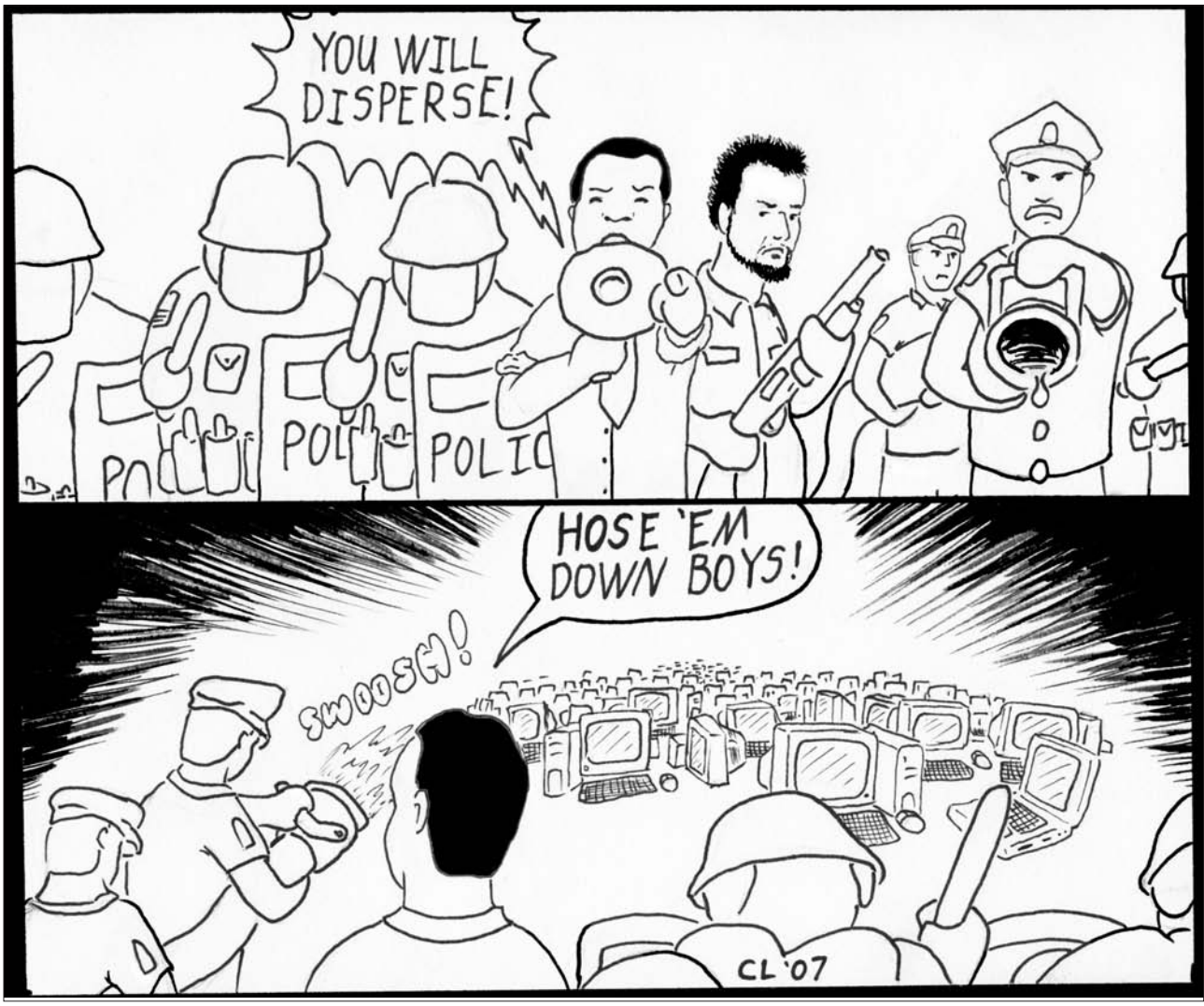
And while organizing movements on the Internet is generally more far-reaching and cost effective, there is nothing missing more in our generation than some old-school "active" activism.

And when it comes to "active" activism, our generation fails to compare with other generations during crucial times of war.

Andrew Rosenthal, the editorial page editor of *The New York Times*, said about the Kent State shootings during the Vietnam War, "It's hard to imagine anyone on today's campuses willing to face armed troops." That's true, isn't it? What do we care about enough to make that kind of sacrifice, let alone sacrifice missing a day of class or work?

Sometimes as young people we fail to understand that not every cause needs to personally affect us in order for it to be deemed important.

The closest example of activism on Baylor's campus in recent years has



been student involvement with the Invisible Children campaign.

Those involved should be commended for their efforts to make people aware of the war in northern Uganda and its effect on children.

But there are other issues in the world today of equal importance that college students should be aware of.

One such issue is the battle for democracy in Myanmar, where mass protests against 45 years of military dictatorship have turned violent when soldiers responded by opening fire on the unarmed demonstrators.

A prevailing notion among young people is that these issues will eventually take care of themselves. They won't.

Although activism is most widely seen in the form of mass demonstrations, there are many other ways for students to be involved. One way is through letter-writing campaigns. Students can also hold their leaders accountable by attending meetings whether they are at the state, city or student government level.

You don't have to try to save the world to be an activist — students can

also be involved by serving their local communities as well.

America's passive tendencies toward civic engagement are hurting our democracy. It seems that the efforts of those who do engage in some sort of activism are often overshadowed by the rest of the nation's silence.

We have to change that.

If we want to spread democracy abroad, the best thing we can do is speak truth to power on important issues and take up causes that will empower us all.

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Letters to the editor

CL clarifies housing mission

In response to Greg Stephanos' letter to the editor about Campus Living & Learning's new online housing signup process, we really appreciate student feedback, and we want to base our decisions on what is best for students.

First, I want to thank Greg for signing up to live on campus for next year.

Second, I would like to clarify some information regarding our previous process. As a result of student interest in securing a desired and specific on-campus housing spot for the following year, Campus Living & Learning began four years ago to offer a priority housing signup process for current students in the fall semester.

Students are not obligated to sign up during this time period, but are given a special opportunity to do so before upper-division spaces are made available to all current students. This year, in an effort to better accommodate student schedules, we actually extended the "same room" time period.

Our intention was never to "coerce" students into making a hasty decision, but rather to accommodate the growing upper-division student desire to live on campus again.

Rishi Sriram

Associate director for housing administration, Campus Living & Learning

Stone doesn't speak for 'us'

The Sept. 3 column "Cries from the left coast don't speak for the rest of us," troubles me

on several counts.

I am not writing to disagree with Stone's politics per se; from the day this war began, I have been angry, confused and heartbroken, but never sure about which "side" I am on.

This is why I have so much trouble with Stone's implicit claim to speak for "the rest of us" — an apparently stalwart and patriotic group he never defines clearly.

Sally Field and other "Hollywood lefties" apparently form the opposition, although Stone neglects a number of other dissenting voices.

I would direct Mr. Stone to a recent article published in *Christianity Today*, one of the largest evangelical newsmagazines (whose offices, incidentally, are several thousand miles from the "left coast").

A September 2007 article written by David Gushee insists that "for evangelicals, one of the groups that strongly supported the war initially, one lesson is clear: We must become more discerning when our nation's leaders advocate a military solution."

Making Sally Field a caricature for all those who doubt the efficacy (to say nothing of the virtue) of this war is misleading and irresponsible. David Gushee does not speak for all evangelical Christians, any more than Sally Field speaks for all people who oppose the war.

However, if the "left coast" and the Christian right are beginning to sound so similar, then perhaps Stone should examine who "the rest of us" are before making generalizations I

would not tolerate in a freshman essay.

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What Sally Field really meant

While I am glad that people are discussing the Iraq war and its social implications, I am glad that right wing views in Texas do not speak for everyone.

In "Cries from the left coast don't speak for the rest of us," Christopher Stone offers a one sided, non-fact-based, offensive opinion about the state of the liberals in the country and the art of war that the Republicans are so eloquently acquainted with.

First, without reason, Stone begins his article with a jab at "the Crawford loony toons" and the "Hollywood lefties" that "prove true ignorance dies hard."

The irony in this is that he bases his entire argument against liberal opinions on skewed views of an Emmy speech and the values of his mother, neither of which provide any substantial validity to warrant the attack on liberal-minded Americans.

I find it extremely offensive that someone can cast such abhorrent comments toward a group of people without giving a factually based reason and without providing any kind of substantiation to his arguments.

Secondly, Stone uses skewed, biased information in conjunction with personal family opinion to defend his conservative view of the conflict in the

Middle East. His arguments are headed by a speech given by Emmy award winner Sally Field in which he quotes her as saying that if mothers ruled the world, there would be no wars in the first place.

He then draws the conclusion from her speech that she is negating the conflict in the Middle East by way of maternal instinct and comments on her foreign policy and inability to deal with "bullies" in a manner befitting those in the Middle East.

Although a lofty appeal for socially biased conservative support, this argument lacks validity and was taken out of context to prove his misguided point.

I challenge Stone to sit down and watch an episode of Sally Field's Emmy-winning show *Brothers and Sisters*.

Although it might be too liberally-based and touch on issues which make him uncomfortable, such as family loyalty, the importance of family and inherent family values, he might be surprised to find the original context for which the speech was meant.

When Sally Field gave her speech at the Emmys she was not being unsupportive of troops in the Middle East, but echoing the opinion of her character Nora on *Brothers and Sisters* by stressing the importance of family and the role matrons play as protector of their families.

Sally Field wasn't talking about the war, she was talking about family and the hardships associated with having a son in the war. If anything, Stone, who

has a brother in the Middle East, should understand the concern, the worry and the heartache associated with having someone you love serve in the armed forces.

It is also presumptuous of Stone to assume that Field does not have a relative in the armed forces and defames her chosen profession with the line, "she doesn't speak for soldiers and families of soldiers giving their lives for something greater than a golden statue."

This is absurd and echoes the fact that Stone neglected to check his facts before creating a skewed argument based on falsified information.

Why does Stone feel the need to personally attack someone he does not know based on misrepresented information he has skewed to fit his own narrow minded view of political struggle and psychological maternal instinct?

Now that we've covered the actual intent of the speech, his second argument against liberals is based on the opinion of his mother.

Although a nice sentiment, this argument has about as much validity as a blind man testifying about the facial characteristics of a murderer.

Lastly, Stone argues that bullies should be suppressed and shaken to their knees. This argument, while clearly supported by the Republican Party, is in essence the exact same argument used by terrorists when they attack our country.

According to Webster's dictionary, terror is defined as a person who frightens others and

a bully is defined as a person who is cruel to smaller, weaker people.

When looking at Stone's column, it is not hard to see that the people of the Middle East are not the real bullies — we are!

He uses words such as "they won't go away until you leave them quivering and crying at the bottom of the slide." While this may seem harmless enough, the fact remains, without going into too much political argument, that America has essentially invaded a less fortunate country.

The acts of terror performed therefore are in the eye of the beholder. Stone has essentially done what a terrorist does in assuming his view is correct and that others who hold differing views should be punished for their different beliefs.

While I personally believe that Saddam Hussein was a morally unrighteous person, this does not keep me from seeing this war for what it is. It is essentially two sides fighting each other using the same views and ideals as fuel. Again, the righteous one is in the eye of the beholder.

Stone has taken an argument that holds some validity when presented with factually based material and turned it into a mess of opinions based on skewed research of a simple Emmy speech and the opinions of a family member.

He has essentially created an argument only meant to offend those around him and offer no sense of reason.

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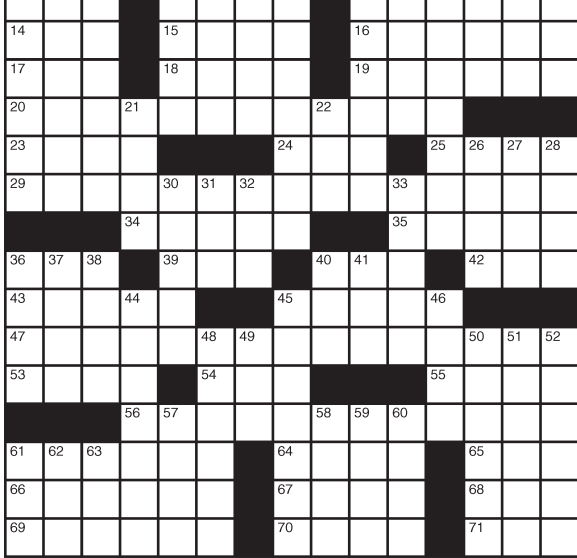
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Huntington Beach, CA

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

Photo League offers practice, community

By Katherine Farlow
Reporter

After a three-year hiatus, the Baylor Photo League reorganized this year. Along with the reorganization, league members are coming up with new ideas for the semester.

"I love to take pictures," said Houston freshman Amanda Galvan, league president. "The league is a way to do it with people and get feedback on what I can improve."

One idea the league had was choosing a theme or subject at the beginning of each month to photograph, Galvin said.

Members will shoot and develop photographs to share and critique at the closing meeting each month.

A black-and-white theme was chosen for October, and members will use the darkroom in Castellaw Communication Center to develop their photographs.

As a part of the photo league, students will have access to the darkroom and will be instructed on how to use it, Galvan said.

"I'm excited to get back in the dark-

room," she said. "It's an opportunity to grow as a photographer, even if it is a hobby."

Members will have to buy their own film and paper, but developing and processing chemicals will be available.

Galvan hopes the league can eventually put together a gallery to raise money and work on community service projects.

"We will try to do some volunteer projects together," Harker Heights sophomore Christina Kruse said.

Kruse, the league's secretary, said one idea is to take a trip to the World Hunger Relief Farm in Elm Mott and volunteer as well as take photographs.

For "shootouts," members will take trips to nearby towns to take pictures. Kruse said taking senior portraits as a fundraiser also has been considered.

"It's a great way to interact with people and a practical thing for photographers to know how to do," Kruse said.

Baylor Photo League was started in the mid-1990s by Dr. Clark Baker, associate professor of journalism and department chairman. The purpose was to bring photographers together, Baker



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Houston freshman Amanda Galvan (right), president of the newly reorganized Photo League, discussing with other members at Wednesdays inaugural meeting.

said.

After recently receiving e-mails from students interested in a photography league, he thought it should be reintroduced.

Randall Page, temporary journalism lecturer, was asked to head the league. He appointed a temporary administrative body to run the league, and elections will be held once a regular group is established.

"We have a mission to promote the photographic interest of Baylor students," Page said.

It will help students improve their photography skills, he said, and encourage community. Members will attend galleries and museums throughout the semester.

The league is open to all students, not only journalism majors, he said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Job Search Strategies Workshop is from 5 to 6 p.m. today in Kayser Auditorium.

Hispanic Student Association meets at 7:30 p.m. today in the Cowden Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For information, contact Oscar_Silva@baylor.edu.

Amani Ya Juu – African Handcrafts Sale is from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday in the Harris House Conference Room. Hand and diaper bags and jewelry from Nairobi and Kenya will be on sale. For information, contact Tiffani_Riggers@baylor.edu.

Battle of the Bands Registration by Kappa Delta has been extended to Friday, and is open to all unsigned Baylor student bands. To enter, submit a demo to Student Activities Office. For information please visit the programs section at www.baylor.edu/student_activities.

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New lockers placed in SLC to curb theft

By Caroline Korsawe
Reporter

Following an increase in thefts this spring, Director of Campus Recreation Dr. Kim Scott extended the McLane Student Life Center's security measures and installed coin-operated lockers that students can use for free.

Although last semester's theft problem was followed by an arrest, Jeff Walter, assistant director for student life facilities, said he hopes the new additions will prevent future thefts.

Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said about 15 counts of theft were reported last spring. Six of those thefts took place at the SLC on March 26 and 27.

"Having lockers available makes us feel better because then we know students' stuff is safe," he said. "It's a service to the students. We're just doing what we can to keep their things safe from theft."

According to the Baylor Police Department crime log, three thefts were reported at the SLC in August, two of these having a value over \$50 and under \$500.

For September, one theft was reported. So far, no thefts have been reported at the SLC this month.

Walter said the installation of 40 lockers cost approximately \$9,000. They were installed dur-

ing the summer and have been available to use since August. The lockers enable people to secure belongings rather than leave them outside the fitness center.

After some hesitant use of the lockers by students, Walter said he believes the security measure was worth the investment and seems to be working.

Austin sophomore Reed Brandenburg works at the SLC. He said some people were originally skeptical about the lockers, but more people are using them now.

"It seems that they like the new lockers," he said. "Before, you had to bring your own lock and now there are already locks on them."

Waco senior and SLC staff member Chad Williams said he believes the safety measure was necessary to help prevent theft.

He said he believes this new security measure to be efficient and protective because the only person who can get anything out of the locker is the owner of that single key.

"People are using them very consistently now," Williams said. "People have a little bit more sense of security. Students do like the idea of having this system available to them. It's easier to secure their belongings."

However, Williams said, he noticed people still leaving their



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Bags are left unattended at the McLane Student Life Center Wednesday, despite the risk of theft.

bags outside the fitness center.

"Even now we have these easy to use lockers, a substantial amount of people leave their bags outside of the lockers," he said.

Walter said in addition to the new lockers, one of the staff members who usually works inside the fitness center was moved to a desk outside the fitness center. This enables the staff member to check people for towels and sleeves on their shirts and also keep an eye on bags students leave on the floor outside the fitness center.

Walter said he hopes bags left out on the floor don't contain anything valuable.

"If there is something valuable in those bags, (students) need to lock it up," he said.

BearAware to highlight security, fraud issues

By Bryant Clark
Reporter

October is National Cyber Security Month, and Baylor is cracking down on technology fraud and increasing security with a new campaign, BearAware.

BearAware is highlighting six areas of cyber security, including worms and viruses, phishing, Internet safety, spyware, physical security and password security.

Pattie Orr, vice president for Information Technology, spearheaded the program.

"The secret to our security is for us to take all the steps we can. We need a strong user education component," Orr said. "The weakest link is how safe we are."

The Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance put together National Cyber Security Awareness Month each year.

The campaign focuses on informing the American public, schools, government agencies and corporations about ways to secure their end of cyberspace in order to protect computers and our nation's critical infrastructure.

"We hope students will

be aware of good practices to keep technology mediums safe," Betty King, associate vice president for information technology, said.

Carl Flynn, Baylor information technology specialist, hopes students will think twice while they're on the Internet. "We've become very comfortable with being on the Internet. We've come from homes where we have DSL, and a lot of us aren't using it with awareness of security."

Much of security is in the hands of the people who use the technology, Orr said.

System programmers can't be expected to keep people secure when people click on fraudulent e-mails.

"The idea is to let people know there are some basic things that we all ought to be doing," Flynn said. "If we all do it, we're going to be more secure, our personal stuff is going to be more secure, our network is going to be more secure."

Flynn said there are two reasons students fail to protect themselves online.

First, students have become too comfortable using the Internet.

Second, students didn't have to worry about these

issues at home as much as they do at college.

"When you were using your computers at home, mom or dad took care of the Internet security piece if they cared about it at all. Now you're here and on your own, so you have to," Flynn said.

Some of the events set are a presentation at the Oct. 9 Dr Pepper Hour in addition to a STEPP Luncheon featuring Dr. Randy Vaughn, information systems professor, who will speak on "phishing."

"Students have fallen for some of these phishing schemes and they've had to go and cancel credit card numbers once they realized they have fallen for these scams," King said.

ITS is asking for students' help to protect the Baylor network by being aware and taking the time to sure up certain areas of need.

The goal of the month is to educate everyday Internet users on how to "Protect Yourself Before You Connect Yourself."

"We don't want to breed distrust; if you're not expecting something you probably shouldn't just click on it, or at least double check it," he said.

Bush vetoes popular child health care proposal

By David Esposito
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush cast a quiet veto Wednesday against a politically attractive expansion of children's health insurance, triggering a struggle with the Democratic-controlled Congress certain to reverberate into the 2008 elections.

"Congress will fight hard to override President Bush's heartless veto," vowed Senate Majority

Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Republican leaders expressed confidence they have enough votes to make the veto stick in the House, and not a single senior Democrat disputed them. A two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress is required to override a veto.

Bush vetoed the bill in private, absent the television cameras and other media coverage that normally attend even routine presidential actions. The measure called for adding an es-

timated four million mostly lower-income children to a program that currently covers 6.6 million. Funds for the expansion would come from higher tobacco taxes, including a 61-cent increase on a pack of cigarettes.

"Poor kids first," Bush said later in explaining his decision, reflecting a concern that some of the bill's benefits would go to families at higher incomes. "Secondly, I believe in private medicine, not the federal government running the health care system,"

he added in remarks to an audience in Lancaster, Pa.

The president said he is willing to compromise with Congress "if they need a little more money in the bill to help us meet the objective of getting help for poor children."

It was the fourth veto of Bush's presidency, at a time his popularity is low, the legislation popular enough to draw support from dozens of GOP lawmakers, and an override certain to seal his lame-duck status.

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ELECTRIC TANS

Red Raiders fall to Lady Bears volleyball

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Baylor finally got the home cooking it desperately needed Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center as the Lady Bears (9-8, 2-5) snapped a five-game home losing streak when they defeated the Texas Tech Red Raiders (7-9, 1-6) in four games (30-17, 28-30, 30-20, 30-22).

During Wednesday's pre-game meeting before the Lady Bears faced off against the Red Raiders, head coach Jim Barnes asked Katie Sanders to define the word determination and explain how it should apply to Baylor's volleyball team.

"I defined it as something that you are willing to do everything and anything to achieve your goal," Sanders said. "That's what we did tonight. We tried our hardest and we did whatever we could to win."

Not only did Sanders speak words of determination, she showed it through her actions. The Katy sophomore set a Baylor season-high and personal career-high with 25 kills.

Coach Barnes had to be reminded of the Bears' last home victory against the Stephen F. Austin State University Lumberjacks, but he said this victory should help the inexperienced Baylor team get out of the slump at home.

"This is huge for us," the 12th year coach said. "It's a young group, and confidence is everything. They want to play well here, but we haven't. Now, we can practice with a little more with confidence this week."

Along with Sanders' 25 kills, freshman Ashlie Christenson set a career high with 16 kills and an outstanding .625 hitting percentage which helped in Baylor's total of .383 hitting. Haley

Thomas was the third Lady Bear in double-digits with 12 kills.

Taylor Barnes added 56 assists, her most since she tallied 59 against Stony Brook University Aug. 25.

"Taylor did a great job of locating her sets," Jim Barnes said. "The biggest thing was both of our outside hitters were on tonight. They saw the court really well. They were always a good outlet for us."

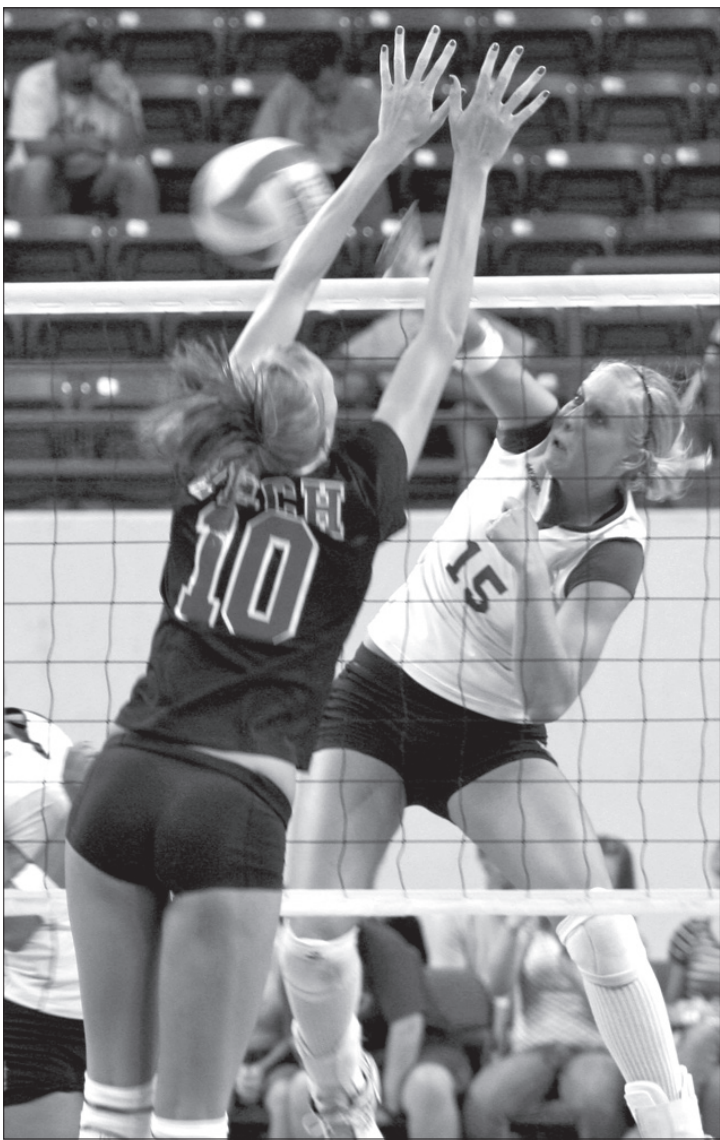
The Lady Bears took advantage of Texas Tech's (-.025) hitting in the first game. Sanders had one less kill (seven), than the entire Red Raider team. With the score 6-3, Taylor Barnes stepped to the service line and served five-straight points. After that, the Red Raiders wouldn't get any closer than six points, with Barnes capping off the first game with a rare block from the setter.

After starting off the second game strong, the Lady Bears led their lead gradually slip away. Down 28-25, the Lady Bears tried to put together a valiant comeback, but two consecutive errors nullified the idea of a Baylor revival.

"We weren't talking," said Christenson on Baylor's struggles during the second game. "We missed too many serves and made too many errors. We just dwelled on it, instead of coming back."

However, the Lady Bears were able to rebound and hit .548 and .457 respectively in their next two games to put away the Red Raiders.

The Lady Bears now have a well-timed bye week. With freshman libero Sarah Grace battling a strained quad, Baylor will not take the court again until they travel to Austin next Wednesday to face the No. 7 University of Texas Longhorns.



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Baylor's Haley Thomas (15) attempts a kill against Texas Tech's Brandi Hood (10) in Wednesday's 3-1 Bear victory at the Ferrell Center.



The Associated Press

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy reacts to a dropped pass during the fourth quarter against Kansas State Saturday in Austin, Kansas State won, 41-21.

Texas QB looks to avenge

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

AUSTIN— His body battered and his ego bruised, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy is struggling through the dreaded sophomore slump.

After tying an NCAA freshman record with 29 touchdown passes last year, he's taking a beating behind a patchwork offensive line and throwing interceptions at an alarming rate through five games.

In last week's loss to Kansas State, McCoy threw four picks, one of which was returned for a touchdown, and left the game twice after getting driven into the turf by a defensive lineman.

Team doctors said he showed symptoms of a concussion — vomiting and dizziness late in the game — but nobody at Texas will say outright whether he suffered a concussion.

"I don't want to talk about it much," McCoy said. "I'll be fine. I've been with the doctors and trainers, we'll be OK."

McCoy's health is worrisome for No. 19 Texas (4-1, 0-1 Big 12) as the Longhorns prepare for Saturday's game against No. 10 Oklahoma (4-1, 0-1).

He's been knocked out of the last three conference games, all losses, and his interceptions are costing Texas points.

If he gets hurt again, the top backup

is freshman John Chiles, a good runner who has completed only one pass.

Of his nine interceptions — he had only seven last season — two have been returned for touchdowns. Opponents have turned the picks into 37 points.

McCoy's teammates say they are solidly behind the quarterback who played so well when he stepped into the huge void left by Vince Young.

"I just hope he's not trying too hard," linebacker Scott Derry said. "He's the kind of guy that would take the whole weight of the team and put it on his shoulders."

McCoy was the hero of the Oklahoma game last season, throwing two second-half touchdowns in a 28-10 Texas win.

"He played like Superman the whole year (2006), and now he's not quite Superman, and all of a sudden, what's wrong? It's like, 'Thank God,'" Oklahoma defensive coordinator Brent Venables said.

McCoy has shown a pattern of early mistakes. Six of his interceptions have come in the second quarter. TCU and K-State both pounced on turnovers to take early leads.

The question now is whether Texas can keep him on the field against the Sooners. Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said his team isn't looking to add to McCoy's injuries.

BU club tennis grows

By Christopher Stone
Reporter

One of Baylor's newest organizations, club tennis, has witnessed an explosion in membership, growing 500 percent since its charter one year ago.

The dramatic increase in student interest might have something to do with the unique integration of competition and relaxed socializing, providing tennis lovers of all skill levels an outlet to play and connect with peers who share the pastime.

And with fees set at \$60 per year for an all-inclusive package, club tennis boasts one of the cheapest membership dues of any campus organization.

Sarasota, Fla., sophomore Sarah Cooper, Baylor club tennis vice president, said many students love to play but don't have people to play with.

As a freshman, Cooper said, she would go to the tennis courts next to Penland Residence Hall and wait for someone to show up and play.

"Since I've been playing club, I know who plays," she said. "So even if I couldn't make it to a Monday or Thursday practice, I always have someone I can call up."

Now a chartered organization, club tennis can advertise, which Cooper said is responsible for the membership spurt. Before, publicity was only word of mouth.

"People come up and say, 'I'm so glad this is around,'" she said. "I was looking for it but I just didn't know."

With practices twice a week on the Baylor Tennis Center courts, players have the opportunity to hone their skills or learn the sport for the first time. Plano senior Doug Clifton, club tennis president, said one practice is for playing doubles and the other for playing singles and practicing drills.

"Once a month we schedule one of the varsity teams to come out there and drill us themselves," he said. "One of our goals as a club team is to help give the varsity team more supporters. Their practices are always a big hit."

Clifton said most of the players have previous experience with tennis, but everyone is accepted regardless of skill level.

"We don't cut," Clifton said. "As president, one of my goals is to keep it competitive at all levels so lower levels can

still have fun."

In addition to weekly practices, members have the opportunity to represent Baylor in tournaments against schools such as Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas. Clifton said there are six to eight tournaments during the fall semester, followed by state and national competitions in the spring.

Last November, Baylor hosted its first tournament with 17 teams from 11 schools. Since losing the Streich Tennis Courts because of the construction of new football practice facilities, Baylor will be unable to host future tournaments.

"We had real, legitimate schools coming here to play tennis with us, and we can't host one now because the other courts are so far away that people can't find them," said part-time lecturer Darrell Thompson, club tennis faculty adviser. "You don't see many of the administrative people running around at 9 o'clock at night seeing if the tennis courts are getting used or not."

Thompson said people don't realize the level of interest in tennis and the utilization of the facilities.

As club tennis grows, that interest and utilization is increasing, and several new activities have been designed to match.

One activity, the Student-Faculty Throwdown, is an opportunity for faculty, staff and their spouses to play competitively with a varsity player versus two club players.

The Men's Throwdown was held Sept. 8 at the Baylor Tennis Center courts, and the Women's Throwdown will be Oct. 27.

"We just want the faculty to have fun playing in a competitive match," Thompson said.

The fundraiser event, with a \$20 entry fee, will benefit the varsity tennis teams.

Last year, club tennis gave approximately \$1,400 to support the varsity teams with hopes to give more money this year.

Thompson said another new venue, Serving for Christ, is a Bible-study following one practice each month for interested members and non-members.

"If we can involve tennis with something else positive then we're all over that," he said.

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dium -- has never had a flashy exterior. But recently, Baylor has found ways to brighten the stadium.

Banners of past Baylor legends drape the concrete stands, flags protrude behind the bleachers and a giant tarp marked "This is Bear Country" covers rarely used seating behind the south end zone.

"They changed it from gray to interesting," marketing chairman Kirk Wakefield said.

And in sports marketing, one motto lives above the rest:

"Make the experience as positive as possible for foundation Wakefield said.

Unlike many Big 12 schools, Baylor includes the price of game admission into the yearly tuition. At some other universities, students must purchase tickets, which makes for a conscious decision to support the team. But at Baylor, students have a different choice to make.

"Baylor has to make that experience enjoyable enough because people will ask, 'Is it worth my time?' instead of 'Do I want to spend my money on that?'" Wakefield said.

And while programs such as the Golden Bear Rewards program offer extra incentive for students to go to games, Floyd Casey's marketing strategy includes attempts to retain students from game to game.

While attention is spent on students, much more is spent on those contributing donations to the program.

Bear Heights, which houses all major university donors, is an integral part of Baylor's income. Providing for donors takes a considerable amount of effort.

"It's the foundation that supports the base of what's going on all over campus," Hill said.

A separate catering service, luxury suites and picturesque views accompany selective parking, ticket rates and assistance. Keeping donors agreeable with the university is important, but even more so when the home team has only won six conference games in the past 10 years.

"People want to support winning teams. They're paying significant amount of money, so it's much more critical," Wakefield said.

And that includes announcements and recognitions throughout the game. The media department has to set up a "script" for every timeout, break in the action and quarter break.

"Sometimes a turnover will happen ten seconds after a timeout, so we have to send another group back out there," director of marketing and promotions John Garrison said.

The script contains all recognitions, video highlights and spirit squad cheers. All are coordinated by an official known colloquially as "the man in the red hat."

And all of this chaos must be kept apart from those participating in the game.

"(The players) have got to have a blanket of security that all of this can happen around them without them noticing. They've got to get in, get out, and have their times without the masses upon them," Hill said.

And hopefully the experience will be enough for fans to return.

"Make the experience as positive as possible for the foundation."

Kirk Wakefield
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‘The Kingdom’ combines culture with carnage

By Susanne Gilkey
Reporter

From the director of *Friday Night Lights* comes Universal Pictures' *The Kingdom* is a stretch of the norm for Hollywood as it covers post-Sept. 11 terrorist actions — a topic typically avoided by the industry.

MOVIEREVIEW

In the movie, director Peter Berg focuses on ethical issues of the war on terror. The story is one of the most well-written screenplays in years.

The relevant political and cultural material it presents is thought-provoking and a wake-up call to world issues.

Though the movie is fictional, it was inspired by the Riyadh compound bombings in Saudi Arabia, which took place on May 12, 2003, and also by the Khobar Towers bombing on June 26, 1996.

After a deadly terrorist attack on an American oil company in Riyadh, four F.B.I. investigators head to Saudi Arabia to investigate the terrorist cell respon-

sible for the bombing.

The task force was led by Special Agent Ronald Fleury, played by Academy Award-winner Jamie Foxx.

The story examines the complexity of sending American agents to Saudia Arabia to work with its government to conduct this homicide investigation and the aftermath.

From the moment they arrive in Saudia Arabia, it becomes a brutal battle to stay alive. The team is faced with the severe clash of culture, dirty government and excruciating heat.

The extreme differences in the cultures are hard to miss, but the subtext highlights how eerily alike we are at the same time.

The movie reunites Foxx with writer/producer Michael Mann, who previously worked with Foxx on *Collateral* and *Miami Vice*.

Foxx was not especially polished with his character but gave a realistic presentation.

Jennifer Garner played Janet Mayes, as a forensics expert who travels with the team.

There was no glamour for her in this role; it was strictly get-it-



Courtesy Photo

New film *The Kingdom* focuses on fictional post-Sept. 11 terrorist actions.

done business.

The action was top-notch. “Garner makes me want to join the F.B.I.,” Dalhart freshman Jordan Quint said.

The story was a little too Hollywood to be completely believable; nevertheless, it represented the brutality of political issues.

The Kingdom provides crowd-pleasing thrills with brutal violence and wild shoot-em-up action.

“It was a rock-em, sock-em film that displayed the geopolitical relationship that United

States has with Saudi Arabia,” moviegoer Thomas Ince said.

The movie came out with a lackluster performance in the box office, earning only 17.7 million against its budget of 80 million.

It was tackled by the low-budget Disney film, *The Game Plan*, which opened in the top slot last weekend.

Overall, *The Kingdom* balances out the thrilling action with gripping emotion and lessons on political culture.

Grade: B+



Courtesy of EMI

Radiohead innovates for ‘Rainbows’ release

By Sarah Zupko
McClatchy Newspapers

Using its position as one of the biggest rock bands in the world, Radiohead is attempting a game-changing move on the music industry.

Music blogs were aflutter Monday at the news that the group is releasing its latest newest album itself via its Web site, www.radiohead.com, on Wednesday.

Titled *In Rainbows*, the two-CD set is being released digitally without record label support and being marketed by word of mouth, not a Herculean task given that Radiohead has one of the most rabid fan bases in music.

In an innovative move sure to rattle the suits of music industry behemoths, both on the label and digital music store side, Radiohead is allowing fans to pay whatever they wish for the privilege of downloading the tracks on the 10th.

The price? “It’s up to you.”

That’s an intriguing experiment that may well test what music lovers think is fair market value for MP3 audio tracks.

Given the goodwill the band is showing in making this offer, it’ll be interesting to see whether vast amounts of people will try to score the album for next to nothing, or if the fan base will help set a pricing structure that’s equitable for all parties with digital downloads.

For those who still enjoy album art and artistic packaging, a deluxe two-CD, two-LP set will be available starting in December.

That set will also include a collection of the band’s art and a bevy of photographs.

Pre-orders for both started Sunday, with the deluxe set being mailed from Britain starting Dec. 3 at the cost of £40, now more than \$80 across the pond. Those who pony up for the set will also will receive the downloads on Wednesday.

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — This fall, lots of TV drama is a life-and-death affair.

Not life-OR-death, like on traditional doctor, lawyer and cop shows. Instead, several new dramas — however much they may vary otherwise — share a common concern with resurrection and redemption, with life as it coexists with death.

And these series are keeping it personal. Forget saving the world in 24 hours. Or even “save the cheerleader, save the world.” The world may get a little help along the way. But that’s a fringe benefit. Central to these new shows is the personal quest and self-examination. Their mission statement: “Me first!”

On NBC’s *Life*, a cop wrongfully imprisoned for 12 years is cleared of the crime. He returns to the outside world — and the LAPD — with a new attitude. He isn’t just released from jail. He’s sprung from a lifelong psychic prison.

Likewise, the heroine of NBC’s *Bionic Woman* is surgically reborn after a ghastly auto accident. She emerges as part human, part machine. And part lab rat for the shadowy Berkut Group. Can she pull herself together?

But when it comes to life-and-death issues, a pie-maker named Ned takes the cake. On ABC’s mystical *Pushing Daisies*, Ned discovers that, with a single touch, he can restore life. But then, with his next touch, he shuts it down again.

This becomes useful to Ned in a side venture. He solves murders: A victim, briefly brought back to life by Ned’s touch, often can identify the killer.

New TV dramas aim to save self, not world



The Associated Press

Actors Lee Pace and Anna Friel act in a scene from the new NBC series *Pushing Daisies*, which premiered Wednesday night.

There are also romantic implications. Ned is able to resurrect his childhood sweetheart, who, as an adult, was mysteriously killed. But too bad there’s no touching now!

Pushing Daisies and several more newcomers seem attuned to viewer weariness from themes of war and terrorism, from the global heebie-jeebies that have fueled so many shows in recent years.

On NBC’s *Chuck*, a department store computer tech is dragged into perilous cloak-and-dagger intrigue. Even so, the emphasis isn’t on counterterrorism but on self-actualization: How does it feel to be unwittingly implanted with all the U.S. government’s most sensitive, valuable secrets? Chuck finds it can be pretty unsettling.

“There’s something wrong with me,” he moans. “I’m remembering things I shouldn’t know!”

On the other hand, what if you didn’t know any of the things you should? That’s the premise of ABC’s *Samantha Who?*

Ensemble to jazz up standards tonight

By Rea Corbin
Reporter

Updating standards and playing new songs, The Baylor University Jazz Ensemble will perform its second concert of the year tonight.

Continuing lecturer in Jazz Studies Alex Parker will lead the 23-student ensemble.

Parker said he chooses “bits and pieces from all over” for the jazz ensemble.

“It’s different things I’ve heard other ensembles play and played in my own ensemble,” Parker said. He said some songs are chosen from new CDs, along with “several selections from 20 to 30 years ago.”

Some of the older selections Parker chose are new arrangements, he said.

Jazz music is known for taking old standards and playing them in a new way, Rowlett sophomore Andrew Olmstead said. Because some songs are standards, they’re usually played with a familiar arrangement.

“I’ve Never Been in Love Before” and “St. Thomas” are standards, but they’re arranged in a different way,” Olmstead said, adding that it makes the songs “more refreshing.”

Olmstead isn’t a music major, but said because he played

piano in high school, he wanted to continue into college. He met Parker during a campus visit, auditioned and played through his freshman year.

He said his favorite song in the concert is “Deedle Deedle.”

“I don’t do tons in it, but it’s really fun to listen to,” Olmstead said.

Sugar Land senior Rachelle Dojs said her favorite song “gets your foot tapping.”

The song is “Michelangelo” by famed tango composer Astor Piazzolla.

“It’s a big section song,” Dojs said. “We get to play really loud, and it’s intense.”

Dojs said she thinks recreating old standards is “very cool.”

“It’s great that composers nowadays are picking jazz standards and putting a new spin on them,” Dojs said.

The Baylor University Jazz Ensemble is the most experienced ensemble, according to Parker.

The ensemble includes students of all classifications, but consists of mostly juniors and seniors.

For this concert, the group has been rehearsing for a little less than a month, Parker said.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall and is free of charge.

overcome the desire to rekindle their relationship? Can he stay faithful to his wife, Katie, firmly planted in the present?

“I never wanted to leave,” Livia tells him during another time-warp tete-a-tete, on a plane in 1995. “Leave where?” Dan implores. “Where do you live now? When do you live?”

He’s not the only one who hurts from unrequited love.

On CBS’ gothic thriller *Moonlight*, Mick St. John is a forever-young, good vampire who solves crimes committed by bad vampires. And he hasn’t had a date in 60 years. Then he runs into a little girl he rescued from a vampire’s clutches a couple of decades ago. Now she’s all grown up — and gorgeous, and maybe interested in Mick. He decides they can be friends, and even work together solving murders (she’s an investigative journalist). But he knows they can never, um, go all the way.

“You just can’t bear the thought of seeing yourself as a monster in someone else’s eyes,” he wistfully explains to the audience.

There’s more of this eternal angst ahead on Fox’s midseason drama *New Amsterdam*.

Its hero, John Amsterdam, has been living on Manhattan Island for more than three centuries — ever since a spell was cast that gave him immortality. These days, he works as an NYPD homicide detective while, getting more and more restless, he waits for his soul mate: the woman who will make him — finally! — a mortal man again.

But where does that leave Ned on *Pushing Daisies*, whose true love is in reach yet strictly hands-off?

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Miller said taking an introduction course can help students decide one way or the other about a major they are considering, and they try to help them eliminate options they know they don't want.

"Students need to be unafraid to approach faculty about their fields, if they're interested in something in that field," Miller said.

When students aren't sure about something, they should contact an adviser, Miller said.

"We care and understand how the university works and we want to guide students in taking advantage of everything that's available to them," she said.

Academic advising refers stu-

dents back and forth between career counseling and academic advising to make sure they know the academic requirements for the career field they are interested in.

Houston freshman Whitney Parks is already considering changing her major.

"I'm apprehensive about whether I'll graduate on time or not, and taking classes that won't count for my major," Parks said.

Many students do not know the resources available to them as freshmen.

Director of Career Counseling Dr. Pat Weaver said, "In career counseling, we strictly deal with helping students choose a major or finding out what they can do with a major they already have."

Students typically say they don't know what to do and all

their friends know, Weaver said. "The first thing we like to do is normalize it."

Many parents call in for students about the services, Weaver said, but they recommend parents to encourage students to call and make an appointment.

Career counseling is a three-step process. Students first meet with a counselor to discuss options and interests.

"Each student that comes in here is different," Weaver said. "Sometimes we look at family influences, we look at cultural influences and try to help the student make a good choice for themselves."

Before the second meeting, students complete two assessments, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Strong Interest Inventory to discuss with their counselor.

"Understanding and recognizing your own strengths can be helpful," Weaver said.

The Myers-Briggs shows preferences in four different areas that define one's personality, Weaver said.

The Strong Interest Inventory is gender specific comparing men and women in 122 occupations.

From the assessments, students create a list of careers they are interested in. Weaver said they recommend Web sites to assist in researching those areas.

During the third session students bring their narrowed list of options to talk about, and work out a plan of action with their counselor.

"It's really a time to go through a decision making process by gathering lots of infor-

mation," Weaver said.

If a student hasn't made a decision by the third meeting, at least they have the tools to help them make a decision, Weaver said.

They are encouraged to come back as many times as they want.

Services by career counseling would cost at least \$300 in the community, Weaver said.

Sometimes students see majors but they can't visualize what to do with it.

Career counseling thought working with a professor in a casual setting would benefit students, Weaver said.

Career counseling offered Meet the Majors, a new program this year to learn more about some of the majors at Baylor.

"We felt like students need more information," Weaver

said.

This semester was a pilot and will continue next semester.

Starting the process earlier will help students reduce changing their major multiple times. Weaver said she hears many seniors saying they wish they had done this as a freshman.

"When I didn't know what I wanted to do, I went to career counseling and took a test," Columbia senior Priscilla White said. "It was really helpful, and I would recommend anybody that's confused about their major to go."

White has changed her major twice and said she is happy with her decisions.

"There's a lot of jobs that you might not think of that you would probably fall in love with if you knew they were out there," she said.

Sudanese security confronted

By Alfred de Montesquiou
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KABKABIYA, Sudan—Former President Jimmy Carter confronted Sudanese security services on a visit to Darfur Wednesday, shouting "You don't have the power to stop me!" at some who blocked him from meeting refugees of the conflict.

The 83-year-old Carter, in Darfur as part of a delegation of respected international figures known as "The Elders," wanted to visit a refugee camp. But the U.N. mission in Sudan deemed that too dangerous.

Instead, Carter agreed to fly to the World Food Program compound in the North Darfur town of Kabkabiya, where he was supposed to meet with ethnic African refugees, many of whom were chased from their homes by militias and the Arab-dominated

government's forces.

But none of the refugees showed up and Carter decided to walk into the town — a volatile stronghold of the pro-government janjaweed militia — to meet refugees too frightened to attend the meeting at the compound.

He was able to make it to a school where he met with one tribal representative and was preparing to go further into town when Sudanese security officers stopped him.

"You can't go," the local chief of the feared Sudanese secret police, who only gave his first name as Omar, ordered Carter. "It's not on the program!"

"We're going to anyway!" an angry Carter retorted as a small crowd began to gather around. "You don't have the power to stop me."

However, U.N. officials told Carter's entourage the powerful

Sudanese state police could bar his way.

"We've got to move, or someone is going to get shot," warned one of the U.N. staff accompanying the delegation.

Carter's traveling companions, billionaire businessman Richard Branson and Graca Machel, the wife of former South African President Nelson Mandela, tried to ease his frustration and his Secret Service detail urged him to get into a car and leave.

"I'll tell President Bashir about this," Carter said, referring to Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

Omar, the security chief, said Carter had already breached security once by walking to the school and would not be allowed to breach it again.

"We are in the security field. We're not that flexible," he said after the confrontation ended.



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A resident looks on during a visit by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Kabkabiya town in Darfur, Wednesday.

Bush: U.S. may talk with Iran

By Deb Riechmann
The Associated Press

LANCASTER, Pa.—President Bush warned Wednesday of a nuclear-armed Iran but did not rule out that the United States would negotiate with its provocative leader if he gives up his suspected nuclear weapons ambitions.

Bush said it's important for the United States to stay engaged in neighboring Iraq to convince the Iranians that the U.S. is committed to democratic reform in the region. "There would be nothing worse for world peace than if the Iranians believed that the United States did not have the will and commitment to help young democracies survive," Bush told businessmen and women where he took questions after a talk on government spending.

"If we left before the job was done, there would be chaos," Bush said about withdrawing U.S. troops prematurely from Iraq. "Chaos would embolden not only the extremists and radicals that would like to do us harm, but it would also embolden Iran. What you don't want is to have a nuclear arms race taking place in the Middle East."

He denounced Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for his remarks about destroying Israel.

"In Iran, we're dealing with a country where the leader has said that he wants to destroy Israel," Bush said. "My belief is that the United States will defend our ally Israel. This is a leader who has made very provocative statements. And, we have made it clear, however, that in spite of that, we are willing to sit down with him, so long as he suspends his program."

3,000 South African workers trapped in gold mine

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—About 3,000 miners were trapped underground Wednesday when a water pipe burst and probably caused a shaft to collapse in a South African gold mine, union offi-

cials said.

An official with Harmony Gold's Elandsrand Mine near Johannesburg said company would be able to evacuate the trapped workers over the next 24 hours.

Harmony's acting chief executive, Graham Briggs, said on MSNBC


that officials have been in contact with the trapped workers and have been sending them food and water.

He said the company could evacuate the miners over the next day using a smaller cage in another shaft, but the process would be a slow one.

"It's a case of getting a large number of people up in cages," he told MSNBC, according to Dow Jones news service. He said that the workers — consisting of the mine's entire morning shift — became trapped after damage to a shaft made it unsafe for workers to use.

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