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iPhone An apple a day? chemicals raise health concerns

By Kathleen Williams
Reporter

The iPhone's changing the world, but is it for the better?

Greenpeace, an environmental protection and peace-promoting organization, released a study revealing the levels of toxic chemicals found in Apple's new iPhone.

The study demonstrates Apple's goal of phasing out the use of hazardous materials in its products hasn't been reached.

Greenpeace's findings showed high levels of chlorine in Apple's white headphone cables that are sold with the iPhone. Chlorine's presence in the headphones led researchers to conclude the cables were made of polyvinyl chloride, or PVC.

PVC's a versatile plastic that's been accused of adversely affecting human health and the environment. On the other hand, PVC is widely used in households and irrigation systems. Greenpeace's study claimed PVC interferes in the sexual development of males.

But professor in the chemistry and biochemistry departments Dr. Charles Garner said compounds like those in

the iPhone are commonly found in numerous products.

Bromine, another element detected in the iPhone as part of an organic compound, is a flame retardant. Bromine's presence in Apple's iPhone most likely serves to reduce its flammability.

Garner said this isn't unusual. "This article acts like Apple's breaking the norm here and going with unusually toxic things," he said.

The study explained once bromine from the iPhone's antennas reaches the waste stream, it becomes a toxic pollutant.

The flexible plastic of the iPhone headphones also had high levels of extractable additives known as phthalates.

Phthalates are oily materials used to soften plastics to make them more flexible. Garner said when flexible plastics become brittle, the phthalates have evaporated from them.

"They do seem to have some health effects," Garner said, "although not very toxic."

Garner said it took scientists decades to realize the health effects of phthalates although they've been used in consumer goods for a long time.

"Phthalates are pretty ubiquitous," Garner said. "You'd most likely find more in Wal-Mart than in the iPhone."

Certain phthalates, like those found in Apple's iPhone, are banned from toys and childcare articles in the European Union.

In addition to containing arguable toxic chemical compounds, the iPhone's battery is not environmentally friendly, according to Greenpeace's study.

The iPhone's battery is glued and soldered to its handset, making it nearly impossible to separate the two components. The connectedness of the iPhone's battery to the handset makes it more difficult for users to recycle. Greenpeace's study indicated that recycling the batteries would occur less frequently as a consequence.

"Chemists aren't going to think twice about Greenpeace's findings. They'll see it has hysteria," Garner said.

However, he said the general public may find Greenpeace's findings more alarming.

Houston senior Hunter Fendley

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Mammoth site receives \$320,000

Site leaps toward national park status

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Waco's Mammoth Site received generous donations this week and last, pushing the site even closer to achieving status as a national park.

Thursday, Gloria Young, advisory board and funding chairwoman, and Larry Grove, City of Waco manager, announced recent contributions totaling \$320,000. The Paul and Jane Meyer Family Foundation provided \$270,000 for the construction of an information center at the mammoth site. Dan Moes,

chairman of the Mammoth Foundation, also donated \$50,000.

Paul Meyer personally pledged to match additional gifts, including Moes' funds, up to \$1.5 million.

"This is going to make it possible for us to get the protection and the security out at the site, get it open to the public and add a lot of educational enrichment to the site," Young said of Meyer's gift.

Other donations have been received from McLennan County, Baylor University, the federal government and Rep. Chet Edwards.

Young said she thinks the site will be an important educational tool for Waco.

She said the site could spur or further an interest in science in children and adults. She thinks college science majors may take a special interest in



File photo

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the site.

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy said Baylor students, students in local independent school districts and families will be able to enjoy the park for years to come.

She applauded Baylor and Waco's relationship, saying they have worked "hand in glove" on the mammoth project. She cited Baylor's \$100,000

gift to the site's work as proof.

Young said he hopes the mammoth site will also work as an economic tool in conjunction with attractions such as the Dr Pepper museum & Free Enterprise Institute and the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame.

"Waco now has enough for us not to be the pause between

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BU authors honored by Library Association

Two professors make Top 10 list in religion

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

The American Library Association honored two Baylor professors in the Oct. 1 edition of *Booklist* magazine.

Dr. Rodney Stark, author of *Discovering God: The Origins of the Great Religions and the Evolution of Belief*, and the late Dr. A.J. "Chip" Conyers, author of *The Listening Heart: Vocation and the Crisis of Modern Culture*, were both included in the association's Top 10 Books in Religion for 2007.

A former newspaper reporter, Stark has had 27 books published and more than 140 articles on a wide range of subjects. However, his work primarily deals with religion. He now serves as a professor of social sciences and co-director of the Institute for Studies of Religion.

"This is something I've been thinking about for a long time," Stark said. "I undertook this book when I discovered that although there are many shelves of books devoted to comparative religion, they are almost devoid of comparisons."

Stark said these comparative religion books merely describe

each faith separately in a politically correct manner without bringing them together in a way one might expect.

"The origins of a faith, which I think is crucial to what a faith is and becomes, are usually dealt with only in a few paragraphs," he said. "So I decided to write a comparative religion book that pays close attention to who founded these religions, when, and influenced by what. I also wanted to trace the development of religion per se, of its cultural evolution."

In his book, Stark takes the reader on an exploration of the idea of sin and its impact in the sixth century, explains the theory of free market religion and renders theories of early religions as "crude muddles of superstition" to be obsolete.

Discovering God also takes a strong stance against those who believe religion is an out-dated ceremony for delusionals.

"As presented by Dawkins and other current loud atheists, religion is childishness to be overcome, but the fault here does not lie with religion, but with the atheists' shallow and remarkably ignorant notions about faith," Stark said. "Their writings about religion are the equivalent of writing medieval English history on the basis of having read Robin Hood. Religion could be false, but it is not silly."

Stark's *Discovering God* was published this fall by HarperOne. A national and international award-winner for distinguished scholarship, Stark's other works include *The Victory of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success*, and *CITES OF GOD: The Real Story of How Christianity Became an Urban Movement and Conquered Rome*.

"Dr. Stark is the most important sociologist of religion alive

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Supreme Court ruling may affect Baylor business

By Kate Gronewald
Reporter

The U.S. Supreme Court is contemplating a decision that will significantly affect the future of American business.

Baylor business graduates are part of that future.

The Supreme Court heard the oral argument for Stoneridge Investment Partners, LLC, Petitioner v. Scientific-Atlanta, Inc., et al., on Oct. 9.

The issue in the case is whether shareholders can sue third parties, such as accounting firms, lawyers, suppliers and investment banks, participating in a fraudulent act.

The expansion of liability to third parties is known as scheme liability.

Chief Justice John Roberts voiced his opinion to limit third-party liability during the hearing, according to the argument transcript.

"My suggestion is not that we should go back and say that there is no private right of action. My suggestion is that we should get out of the business of expanding it," Roberts said.

Stoneridge involves Charter Communications Inc., the third-largest publicly traded cable company in the U.S., according to its Web site.

Charter, based in St. Louis, allegedly documented false reasons for price increases on the company's financial statements.

Charter's shareholders, the petitioners, seek to sue two of the company's equipment sup-

pliers, Scientific-Atlanta Inc. and Motorola Inc., for participating in a scheme to inflate Charter's earnings.

The scheme involved Charter buying TV set-top cable boxes from its suppliers from \$20 more than the usual price. The suppliers then used the additional \$20 to purchase advertising from Charter.

This inaccurately increased the advertising revenue on Charter's books, since the company technically purchased the additional advertising with its own funds.

According to shareholders, the \$20 transactions added up. Charter allegedly used the scheme to overstate operating cash flow by \$17 million on its financial statements.

Before discussion at the

Supreme Court level, Stoneridge was heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit and the U.S. Eastern District Court of Missouri.

The Court of Appeals upheld the District Court's dismissal of the case on April 11, 2006.

Ethics in Baylor Business Business graduates may feel the weight of the Supreme Court's decision.

"As a future accounting graduate, the Supreme Court's ruling could dramatically affect my career," said Salado senior Brinn Newman. "If the plaintiff wins, then my employer and I could possibly be held liable for a client or business partner's fraudulent activities."

Students must prepare

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Making a difference in Waco part of stepping out of BU

When I think about some of the great minds throughout history, I am constantly reminded of their dedication to service. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve." The Bible emphasizes the importance of service and its role in the Christian life. Ephesians 2:10 reads, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

For most of us, Waco is a temporary residence — a home away from home — during our tenure at Baylor.

We will go to class, graduate, move away and come back for the occasional homecoming parade or class reunion. If my post-graduation plans lead me away from Waco, I want to come back knowing that I made the most of my four years in this great community. I want to say that I made a positive difference on this campus and in the lives of Waco citizens. For some students, Steppin' Out is the only time they'll ever interact with the Waco community. True service is the perpetual process of giving yourself to

point of view



BY BRYAN FONVILLE

something greater than surface-level interaction. It is a long-term commitment to serving others and making a difference. It is a relational process of getting to know those around you and improving the standard of living in your community. We should be in a constant

state of "steppin' out." Waco is home to a number of service agencies that will help you step out of the Baylor Bubble — each with a unique purpose and mission. These agencies provide opportunities to make a significant impact by fostering and encouraging the unique passions that God has given to each of us. These agencies strive to improve the standard of living in our community, and they would love your help. I don't think I've ever heard a service agency complain about having too much help. Whether we realize it or not,

many of the habits we start in college will follow us for the rest of our lives. If we live a life of service today, more than likely we will display those characteristics well after our departure from the university. As your external vice president, I constantly think about service and how I can best utilize the talents God has given to me. Whether it's serving as a tutor in the Learning English Among Friends program or volunteering at the local Boys and Girls Club, we all have the capability to make a difference. While one person can make

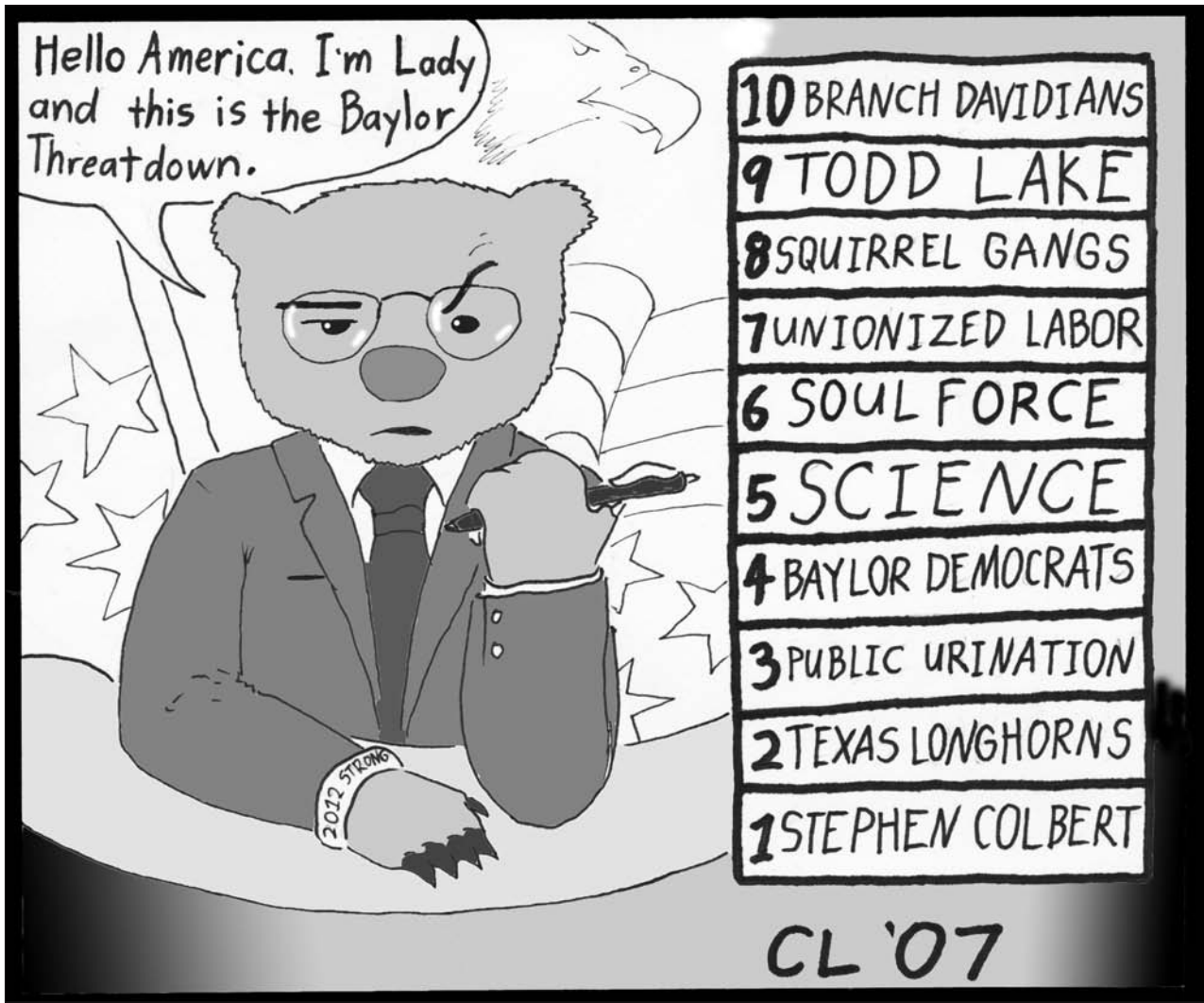
a difference, it takes the efforts of many to make a profound impact. It takes a common vision and dedication to a cause bigger than any one of us. It takes a willingness to serve others in a self-serving culture. It takes shining light in a dark and sinful world. It takes time, it takes commitment, and it takes love to make a difference. It takes you and me. Let's step out of our comfort zones and make a difference. Bryan Fonville serves as student body external vice president. He is a sophomore business major from Garland.

Editorial

We are Bears (And so can you!)

An open letter to Stephen Colbert:

We here at Baylor University are always asking ourselves, "Baylor University — great university, or *greatest* university?" We are all proud members of the Colbert Nation. We honor our mothers, our fathers, our presidents, our troops and our free market. We're not the kind of university that gives honorary degrees to Bill Clinton. And we're not big fans of books, either. Except the red-letter King James Bible, of course. You announced on Tuesday your intention to run in the South Carolina primaries, and already, all of the America-haters have come out of the woodwork doubting your ability to lead this country. But not us Baptists. You said voters "are desperate for a white, male, middle-aged, Jesus-trumpeting alternative." Alternative? That's the only way we like our leaders. As a show of leadership, perhaps it's time for you to face one of your biggest fears — namely, that of bears. We know life is full of other scary things. Broken wrists, for example. Bad ratings. Papal insubordination. Maybe the prospect of such horrors looms over your day like a dark cloud, but you've been trying to come to terms with them. Lately, you've been raising wrist awareness, a great step to help others overcome debilitating fear of wrist injury or avoid it altogether. But Wednesday night during the Threatdown segment on your show, you again confirmed bears as the No. 1 threat to America. Frankly, sir, we are tired of your slander. We understand that bears might seem threatening at first. They growl



and roar and sometimes maul people. Some of them are big. They can climb trees. But really, they're not so bad. Actually, they can be quite docile — a lot like our football team. We have two live bears right here on campus, and seeing as they have yet to maul anyone, they're pretty much one of our favorite university traditions. Their names are Lady and Joy, and they have a more expensive home than most of us will ever be able to afford. We're pretty sure they've been baptized, too, so it's safe to say they love America. We visit them in between classes about Jesus. If you happened to drop

by, we'd be glad to introduce them to you. You could share your worldview with them and have your picture taken together at their home, the Bear Pit. You could see that there's nothing scary about them. They're fuzzy and cute. They sleep a lot and stare blankly at everything. Kind of like college students. There's a time and a place for everything, and the Baylor Bear Pit would be the best place for you to face your fear of bears. While you're at it, you could announce your candidacy in the state of Texas. After all, if Kinky Friedman can get on the ballot for governor here, it can't be that hard. But until you do

so, you sir, are a coward. In fact, consider yourself on notice until further ... uh, notice. But the sooner you face your fears, the sooner you can get on with your life. Maybe make some Bear Awareness bracelets. Help others conquer their melissophobia. It would free you to attack the scary things that really matter. Sting rays, for instance. Or MoveOn.org. And we, nation, would all be the better for your having moved on.

Sincerely,

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Letters to the editor

Atheists have varied morals

Re: "Atheism's moral philosophy not consistent with Baylor's mission" Perhaps atheism is not consistent with the mission of a religious university, but not on account of the platitudes and misunderstanding espoused by Dr. Roger Olson. Dr. Olson makes the point that atheism undermines values because there is no organized atheist charity, as there are Christian ones. Dr. Olson mistakes atheism for an organization. Every secular charity is a venue where atheists can express their care for humanity. Where a Christian might direct her altruism to a mission,

an atheist can direct her altruism through equally valid secular charities. "The only logical option for the atheist is nihilism — belief that nothing has any objective meaning or purpose." While Dr. Olson writes that he feels sorry for atheists on account of their marginalization, he proceeds to commit the crime and express pity for the victim. This is the most banal oversimplification of the atheist out there. Dr. Olson also believes that atheists have no answer for social Darwinism, and have no answer against "might makes right." I don't want to get into the inadequacy of social Darwin-

ism as a social philosophy. It's based on a poor understanding of evolution. It's an awful theory. There are many social philosophies consistent with atheism that espouse altruism — and there are objective ways of choosing between them for the greatest moral good. Dr. Olson can stop feeling pity for those he carelessly misunderstands. Atheists can live a life full of meaning, altruism and maintain a consistent ethos. Until atheists and their ideas are not marginalized by those such as Dr. Olson, atheists can expect pity without understanding, and not much else. Ryan Latham Baylor Law

Olson's attacks not surprising

Re: "Atheism's moral philosophy not consistent with Baylor's mission" Dr. Roger Olson makes several claims about atheism. It is hardly surprising that a Baylor theologian would attack atheism. However, as a professor at an institution of higher learning, he has a responsibility to argue his points in an intellectually honest, rigorous manner. His column, however, is so bereft of intellectual merit that I fear he has tarnished the name of our academic institution. The first major error Dr. Olson makes is creating an atheist moral philosophy to use as a straw man. Atheism, however, is not a moral philosophy — it

is a merely a proposition, which may be true or false. Dr. Olson makes the claim that, "The only logical option for the atheist is nihilism — belief that nothing has any objective meaning or purpose." This is just outright false. Many things have meaning independent of the individual — the words I am writing, for instance. Lastly, I would like to address Dr. Olson's use of the term "nature." Nature is a construct scientists often use to describe phenomena observed in the "natural world." As Dr. Olson puts it, social Darwinism is "the idea that society should not help the weak because it's nature's way to weed out the less fit." Social Darwin-

ism is a normative perversion of a descriptive phenomena, one that has been used to justify many horrendous acts including slavery, racism and ethnic seclusion (ghettos). Dr. Olson's column is a travesty of academia and misrepresents what I think is an otherwise reputable institution of higher learning. He confuses proposition with moral statement, objective with transcendent and normative with descriptive. The definition and implimentation of these terms is fundamental to engaging in a philosophical or theological debate and failure to do so can produce very, very bad logic. Derek Morey Philosophy, 2007

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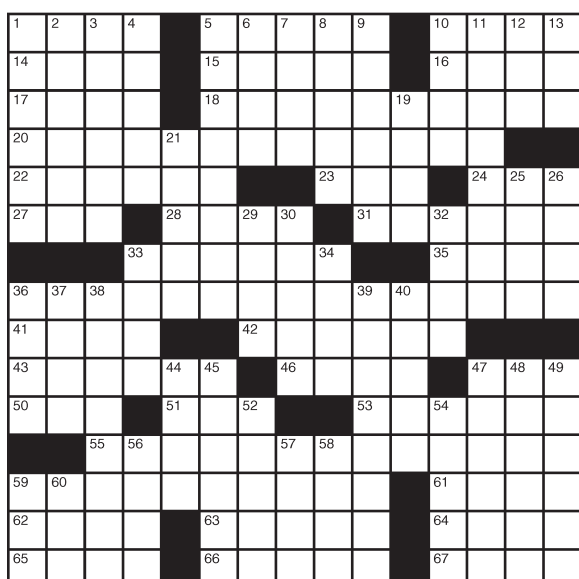
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By Allan E. Parrish
Mentor, OH

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Senate allots funds for ASA, ISSA events

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Student Senate voted Thursday to allocate nearly \$1,500 to the Indian Subcontinent Student Association for a charity event.

Unanimously, the senate allocated \$1,439 to ISSA for the first-ever Charity Ball, from which funds will benefit Developments in Literacy, a nonprofit organization aiming to increase literacy in Pakistan.

"I'm just overjoyed," ISSA president George Kannarkat said. "This is the first time ISSA has put a bill through Senate in a while, so I'm glad it went smoothly. The reception of the senators was great, so that puts a good light on how the event will go."

The charity event will include a catered Indian dinner and service auction with all proceeds going to Developments in Literacy. The ball will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. The ball is open to all students. ISSA plans to charge \$10 admission in advance and \$12 at the door.

The senate also voted unanimously to allocate \$3,242 to the African Students Association. Each year, the ASA hosts its Cultural Extravaganza Weekend to celebrate African culture through competitive plays, dance and fashion shows. This year's event is being held today and Saturday following a weeklong series of events called African Culture Week.

"African Students Association is working to combat the otherwise dismal and inaccurate images of Africa portrayed in the media," said senior Nekpen Osuan, who authored the senate bill. "Not all Africans are starving and pitiable. In fact, many of the latest fashion trends and artistic leanings of our time stem from Africa and its rich cultural heritage."

Each year, more than 600 participants from universities across Texas and Oklahoma travel to Baylor to attend the event. This will be ASA's ninth Cultural Extravaganza Weekend. The theme for the extravaganza this year will be A.F.R.I.C.A: Africans Free and Rich In Culture and Arts, which will showcase different cultures and traditions in Africa.

"The theme of celebrating the arts of Africa aims to bring together Africans from across Texas to enjoy our beloved campus in a healthy host of competition in poetry, dance, fashion show and comedy," Osuan said.

Student Senate voted to table a decision to allocate funds to OneBU for its second annual BUnited Day until next week's meeting.

Senate also announced and recognized two ad-hoc committees as official: Campus Improvements and Inter-collegiate.



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

A shot of reality

A crashed car was on display Thursday at Fountain Mall as part of Alcohol Awareness Week. With the wrecked automobile are the names and faces of people who were killed or injured in this accident.

T-shirt sales fund senior gift

By Hayley Frank
Reporter

The extra \$5 bill at the bottom of your pocket could be put to good use today.

Baylor vs. the University of Texas shirts are on sale all day at the Bill Daniel Student Center and Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium to raise money for the senior gift. This year, the senior class will present one Baylor student with an endowment scholarship.

"This is a gift that will always give back," said Albuquerque, N.M., senior David Hao, senior class president.

The scholarship is available to all Baylor students, not just seniors.

"The gift matures at \$25,000, and every class gift after this one will contribute to the scholarship," Hao said.

Hao said the fundraising goal this year is \$30,000.

Senior class officers plan to distribute just one scholarship this

year. As funds increase in future years, senior classes will be able to award multiple scholarships annually.

"The shirts are great because they support our football team, as well as a cause that will help students," Hao said.

Bridge City sophomore class officer Tracey Broussard is helping sell shirts for the cause.

"The shirts build spirit, which has been lacking lately," Broussard said. "I'm hardcore about Baylor spirit, and I hope more people will get involved, too."

Broussard explained because the scholarship is endowed, it will never run out of money—the funds will always keep growing.

"The whole idea behind the gift being an endowment scholarship is that it will continue giving back for years to come," Broussard said.

The officers said shirt sales have proved successful so far.

"People seem really into it because it has the sailor bear on

the shirt," Broussard said. "The design is different than most other shirts, plus it's a good deal. How often can you get a \$5 shirt?"

And it isn't just seniors who are buying the shirts, either.

"I'm buying them for my family because they are coming to the game," said Coppell freshman Kaitlin Sullivan. "Also, I want to help support the seniors."

Money from shirt sales is only one part of fundraising for the gift. The rest will come from students, parents and alumni.

"We are trying to have more students contribute to the funds," Hao said. "We are working to increase the rate of donations from everyone."

The ritual of senior gifts is a long-standing tradition. Last year, seniors built and planted the courtyard landscape by Draper Academic Building. The year before that, the gift was the outdoor meeting and social area at South Russell Field.

BEAR BRIEFS

American Heart Association's 5K "Start! Heart Walk" is at 8 a.m. Saturday at Gettnerman Stadium. The walk begins at 9 a.m. and is presented by Providence Healthcare Network, Star 92.9 and News Channel 25. For information, contact Amber Adamson at (254) 299-0880.

Baylor Habitat for Humanity is collecting cans for recycling at Touchdown Alley before Saturday's football game. All proceeds will go to the Baylor Habitat house. For information, contact Phillip_White@baylor.edu.

Mary Roh, a medical missionary, is speaking at the Raising Awareness about North Korea lecture from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in Kayser Auditorium.

Baylor Symphony Orchestra's Bela Bartok Festival is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jones Hall of the Glennis McCrary Music Building. Tickets are on sale for \$10 in the lobby of the music building.

Dr. Frank Beck with, associate professor of philosophy and church-state studies, will speak about his new book, "Defending Life: A Moral and Legal Case Against Abortion Choice" at the Bears for Life meeting from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in 105 Morrison Hall.

Student Global AIDS Campaign's AIDS Walk begins 8 a.m. Saturday at Fountain Mall. The event is held to raise awareness and funds for local shelters and sponsored children. Participants will meet at Fountain Mall and walk the Bear Trail.

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

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Police Blotter

Criminal trespass occurred at 10:18 a.m. Tuesday at the Eight Street Parking Facility.

Criminal trespass occurred at 4:34 p.m. Monday at the Speight Plaza Parking Garage.

Criminal trespass occurred at Penland Residence Hall at 7:45 p.m. Sunday.

Criminal trespass occurred at 10:25 a.m. Oct. 12 at 1920 S. Third St.

A minor consuming arrest occurred at 4:22 a.m. Oct. 12 at 602 Dutton Ave.

A minor consuming arrest occurred at 1:55 a.m. Oct. 12 at 1120 James St. Also an arrest for public intoxication occurred at this location on this date.

Two burglaries of a habitation occurred between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Penland Residence Hall.

Mischief occurred at lot 22 between Neill Morris Hall and Pat Neff Hall between 6:15 a.m. and noon. Oct. 12.

Theft of a bicycle occurred at the Harris House on S. Seventh St. between 1:00 p.m. Oct. 11th and noon Monday.

Theft of a bicycle occurred at Waco Hall between 10 a.m. Oct. 4th and 5 p.m. Monday.

Theft occurred at Moody Library between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Information compiled from the Baylor Police Department crime log.

Attack rocks Pakistan

By Matthew Pennington
The Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — A suicide bombing in a crowd welcoming former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto killed at least 126 people Thursday night, shattering her celebratory procession through Pakistan's biggest city after eight years in exile.

Two explosions went off near a truck carrying Bhutto, but police and officials of her party said she was not injured and was hurried to her house. An Associated Press photo

showed a dazed-looking Bhutto being helped away.

Officials at six hospitals in Karachi reported 126 dead and 248 wounded. It was believed to be the deadliest bomb attack in Pakistan's history.

Bhutto flew home to lead her Pakistan People's Party in January parliamentary elections, drawing cheers from supporters massed in a sea of the party's red, green and black flags. The police chief said 150,000 were in the streets, while other onlookers estimated twice that.

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said Greenpeace's study could affect his decision to purchase an iPhone.

"Because the product's so new, consumers like me are trying to find all the information about it they can," Fendley said.

Fendley said he uses a BlackBerry and isn't likely to switch to another handheld device.

Waco graduate student Caleb Roberts, however, was unconcerned with the potential health effects.

"Greenpeace's study isn't going to hurt my thoughts on Mac," he said.

"More than likely the study's a hit at Apple to take their large market share away," Roberts said.

Garner said Greenpeace's study might be political strategy and that Greenpeace may be targeting companies for the use of semi-toxic materials with hopes that other companies will also back off from using them.

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BU quarterback still undecided as Texas looms

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

After the University of Kansas dealt the Bears a deflating 58-10 loss in Lawrence, Kan., last Saturday, Baylor (3-4; 0-3) soldiers on with its Big 12 schedule Saturday against No. 19 University of Texas (5-2; 1-2) at Floyd Casey Stadium.

When it comes to the University of Texas, offensive coordinator Lee Hays appropriately described the Longhorns as one of the biggest entries on the team's schedule.

The battle for supremacy of the I-35 corridor remains an important contest for the Bears, even if Baylor hasn't beaten the Longhorns since 1997.

"Well Texas is Texas, they're good across the board," Hays said. "They come out in their 4-3. It's going to be a challenge and we need to go out and give it our best and not turn it over."

Head coach Guy Morriss has won more Big 12 home games than any other Baylor coach, but the Longhorns have provided an exceptional challenge in that regard. Texas has drummed Morriss-coached teams in Waco, winning by a combined 118-0 in their last two games at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Given the last one, a 62-0 loss in 2005, came at

Weekly Big 12 picks				
Game	Parchman	Bateman	Baer	Briggs
Texas @ Baylor	UT 53-7	UT 34-3	UT 62-7	UT 52-10
Oklahoma @ Iowa State	OU 54-14	OU 31-14	OU 52-10	OU 27-14
Texas A&M @ Nebraska	A&M 26-14	A&M 38-17	A&M 24-17	A&M 24-17
Texas Tech @ Missouri	MU 27-23	MU 56-31	MU 42-38	MU 38-35
Kansas @ Colorado	KU 36-35	KU 31-30	KU 31-27	KU 35-17
Kansas State @ Oklahoma State	OSU 36-21	KSU 27-24	OSU 38-24	KSU 38-24
Last week's record	3-3	5-1	4-2	3-3
Overall record	30-12	31-11	33-9	32-10

the mercy of the Vince Young-led Longhorns who won the national championship that year.

But don't think those transgressions are long forgotten.

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body else, and they think that we don't deserve to go there," said senior linebacker Nick Moore, who's tallied 45 tackles, a sack and an interception this year. "But we want to show them that we are right there with them and we can close. We just have to listen to our team and listen to our coaches and go out there and win this week."

Wins, at least in Big 12 play, haven't come easy for Baylor this year. The Bears' once-potent offense has been outscored by at least 20 points in every conference outing this season and in all six starts by quarterback Blake Szymanski dating back to last season.

So for the first time since Shawn Bell's career-ending knee injury against Texas A&M University last season, a quarterback other than Szymanski will likely start.

Pocket-passing senior transfer Michael Machen and athletic junior transfer John David Weed split snaps in practice this week in lieu of a mild concussion suffered by Szymanski against Kansas

along with his sagging performance of late. One of those two will start this Saturday if Szymanski can't, which increased in likelihood as he continued to watch contact drills from the sideline in practice early this week.

Morriss said the two are "see-sawing" in practice right now, indicating that he might not have made his decision yet.

If he has, Morriss could decide to hide it as he did before Baylor's season opener against Texas Christian University.

Back then it was underclassmen Tyler Beatty and Szymanski battling for the starting job. Now the battle is between a pair of road-tested upper-classmen who both began their college football careers outside of Waco.

But the fact that a Baylor quarterback will be making his first start against a team that has put at least 50 points on the scoreboard against the Bears in three of the past four years?

Well, that could be the challenging part.

"From just looking at bodies, (Texas) looks just as good as they did last year. They are playing well," Morriss said. "It looks to me like the secondary may be better than it was last year. If you look at them statistically it would indicate that. I think they would test our protection."

Ultimate Frisbee provides fun, useful outlet for BU students

By Hayley Frank
Reporter

"Blood was shed, tears were dropped, and memories were made."

This is how Southlake senior Andrew Fike described his first experience with the game of ultimate Frisbee.

This student-formed sport might be very unfamiliar to incoming freshmen. But for returning students, it's a campus favorite.

For years, students have gathered at Minglewood Bowl on campus to play ultimate Frisbee. This past year, Tuesday nights became the standing

tradition for students to meet, play the game or just cheer each other on.

For those unfamiliar with the sport, it's easiest to describe as a mix between football and soccer.

There are two teams, and the object is to get the Frisbee in the end zone by passing it to teammates.

The only catch is you can't run while you have the disk in your hand. When the Frisbee is dropped, it's turned over to the other team and almost immediately becomes a fast-paced, high-action game.

"You have to communicate with your team if you want to

"You can meet new people, connect with old friends."

Andrew Fike
Southlake senior

win," said Houston sophomore Jenny Long.

"And when your teammates are all there cheering you on, it doesn't even matter whether you win or lose."

More than just a fun past time, ultimate Frisbee has proven to be a fail-proof way to make friends and strengthen bonds.

"It was awkward in the beginning because you don't know anyone," said Colleyville senior Brad Underwood about his first few days as a freshman.

"But then that night, our whole hall just went out and played. We were all diving in the mud. It was competitive, fun and dirty."

For those freshmen looking to get involved, ultimate Frisbee is the perfect venue to meet new people and make lasting memories, Fike said.

"One of the best memories freshman year was the Diadolo ultimate Frisbee tournament," said Fike.

"Our team was called the

Swamp Donkeys. We played incredible against all these seniors and we were tied with them the whole game. We didn't win, but we played our hearts out."

Fike and Underwood didn't let their alliance end when the games were over — they continued their friendship off the fields of competition as well.

After first meeting through a Frisbee game freshman year, they have been roommates for three years.

When asked why the sport is so popular among students, Underwood provided a simple answer.

"It's not very hard to learn,

and you can play it anywhere there's grass and a Frisbee," he said.

There has been no established day for this year's weekly games.

However, earlier this semester, the guys gathered their original Frisbee team and decided to start up a game to kick off the beginning of a new school year. They made sure to include new freshmen, hoping to continue the tradition of Minglewood Frisbee.

"It's just a fun way to hang out and get physical," Fike said.

"You can meet new people, connect with old friends, and try to lose those freshman 15."

Aversions rule A&M, Nebraska showdown

By Eric Olson
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The famous words are inscribed across the west side of Memorial Stadium: "Not The Victory But the Action."

With Texas A&M coming to play Nebraska on Saturday, it might as well read: "Not The Victory But the Distraction."

At Nebraska this week, athletic director Steve Pederson was fired, Cornhusker coaching legend Tom Osborne was named to replace him temporarily, and the heat on coach Bill Callahan was cranked up another degree or two.

Texas A&M, meanwhile, is coming off a 35-7 loss at Texas Tech, which followed the administration's figurative spanking of coach Dennis Franchione for putting out a secretive for-pay newsletter to boosters. Franchione's job status, like Callahan's, is in jeopardy.

Callahan said he's trying to stick to his game week routine, but it's not easy.

"We're all human," he said. "The guys on the staff, they have families and children, and they hear things and see things. It's not very comfortable. If your job is in the position where people were talking about you every day, it's not a real good feeling."

Coaches from both teams say their task is to keep their play-



The Associated Press

An unidentified young Nebraska fan covers his ears Saturday after an Oklahoma State touchdown so as not to hear Oklahoma State's band playing in the first half of Nebraska's 45-14 loss in Lincoln, Neb.

ers minds' on what happens on the field.

"The thing I try to implore on them is, 'Don't let someone else steal your season, because that's what happens,'" Aggies defensive coordinator Gary Darnell said. "Don't let somebody sitting out there, watching, seeing, writing, talking, steal your season, because you're not going to get another one."

The Texas A&M game starts the most important five-game stretch of Callahan's four seasons at Nebraska. Pederson hired Callahan and provided unwavering support. Osborne said he would make no decision on Callahan until after the last game.

Nebraska (4-3, 1-2 Big 12) has been outscored 86-20 in its last two games. Osborne, in an interview this week, bemoaned the Huskers' lack of competitiveness in the 45-14 loss to Oklahoma State last Saturday.

After playing the Aggies, Nebraska has three straight

games against opponents now ranked in the Top 25 — visits to Texas and Kansas and a home game with Kansas State. The Huskers finish with improving Colorado.

Callahan senses the pressure: "It's looking at you right in the eye. I don't dismiss it. I try to keep it on the peripheral and try to focus in on the job at hand. It is hard."

Texas A&M (5-2, 2-1) has been awful in its two road games, getting outscored 69-24 by Miami and Texas Tech. But the Aggies are catching the Huskers when they are vulnerable, and a win would let them keep pace with Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State in the Big 12 South.

"We're both coming off losses, so there's a lot of incentive for both of us to win," defensive end Chris Harrington said. "That's college football: If you're not winning, then you're going to have critics and there are going to be consequences."

Torre finished with Yankees

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Torre is out as manager of the New York Yankees, rejecting a substantial pay cut after the team failed to make it past the first round of the playoffs for the third straight year.

Torre turned down a \$5 million, one-year contract Thursday that still would have made him the highest paid manager in baseball.

Bench coach Don Mattingly is the leading contender to replace Torre, who led the Yanks to 12

straight playoff appearances and won four World Series championships.

Yankees broadcaster Joe Girardi, the NL Manager of the Year with Florida in 2006, is another top contender.

"It's a difficult day," general manager Brian Cashman said.

But it was one Yankees' fans could see coming.

After losing the first two playoff games to Cleveland, owner George Steinbrenner said he didn't think Torre would be back if the Yankees didn't advance. They lost in four games.

Torre, who took over the team

to start the 1996 season, made his decision after traveling from New York to the team's spring training complex in Tampa, Fla. He was accompanied by Cashman and chief operating officer Lonnie Trost.

"It is now time for the New York Yankees to move forward," team president Randy Levine said.

Torre made \$7.5 million this year, the final season of a \$19.2 million, three-year contract. His new deal would have included substantial bonuses for each round of the playoffs the team reached.

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Battle of the Bands brings rock and roll to SUB bowl

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

Five local bands will showcase their talents while Baylor students sit back, relax and enjoy a night of free food and entertainment during Kappa Delta's Battle of the Bands.

The concert, which is at 8 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center (SUB) bowl, will feature bands with at least one member who attends Baylor.

The bands performing will be House of Orange, Faith Dies Last, The Willows, Judas Feet and Aaron Austin.

Houston junior Jeff Palen is the bass player and vocalist for House of Orange. He describes the band's sound as progressive funk. The band's other members are Charlotte, N.C., senior Matt

Johnson, guitar and Memphis, Tenn., sophomore Chris Lane, drums. Palen described the band as "very talented individuals coming together to express themselves." Palen said he and guitarist Matt Johnson have been trying to play at Battle of the Bands since their freshman year. He said he thinks the concert is a good way to expose Baylor students to different styles of music.

"It's a place where we think the Baylor students who would be interested in our music will be there and hear what we're like," Palen said.

He said their songs are based on faith in humanity and the world.

"The general message conveyed is: free your mind and your soul in order to truly live,"

Palen said. Bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath influence House of Orange, he said. He said the band has a vision and has been offered some signing deals, but the members want to finish school before pursuing a career in music.

"This is what we've been called to do and what we want to do the rest of our lives," Palen said.

Rowlett senior Stephanie Cantu, vice president of Kappa Delta and coordinator Battle of the Bands, said this is the eighth year Kappa Delta has held the event.

"It's a nice thing to do outside, when the weather changes," she said. "We usually do it in late October, before a home football game, because it's the best time.

It's not too hot to have outside and not too cold."

A new feature this year is the Stock the Closet supplies drive for the Girl Scouts of America.

"We are encouraging people to bring elementary school supplies: construction paper, glue, kid's scissors, crayons," she said. The supplies will be donated to a local girl scout troop. Cantu said groups on campus can earn service points by donating.

Alternative entertainment will also be provided, she said.

"There's going to be Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution during the set up and tear down between bands," she said.

New Braunfels senior Heather McLeod, president of Kappa Delta, said the event has a laid-back atmosphere.

"It's a casual event," she said.



Courtesy photo

House of Orange is made up of three Baylor students who plan on pursuing music as a career after finishing their education.

"You can just bring a blanket, relax and hang out in front of the SUB on a Friday Night."

McLeod said Battle of the Bands is a fun event for Kappa Delta because they get to spend

some time with bands.

"It's a great platform for local bands," she said.

Since the stage is outside and the food is free, it is convenient for students, she said.

Alum Robbie Seay creates faith-filled music for coffee culture

By Jackie Hyland
Reporter

"And if you're like me, you need hope, coffee and melody," sings Baylor alumnus Robbie Seay in the song "New Day," which is on the Robbie Seay Band's new album, *Give Yourself Away*.

Hope, coffee and melody — what could be a better combination for tired college souls? The Robbie Seay Band's refreshing lyrics about hope and coffee, serving others, community and love, combined with the band's captivating melodies, are inspiring hope in coffeehouses, churches and lives everywhere.

So it is fitting the band leads worship for Ecclesia, a "holistic missional Christian community" held in a coffeehouse in bustling downtown Houston.

During the week, Ecclesia is Taft Street Coffeehouse, a farmer's market, an art gallery and a recording studio. But on Sunday, the raw sounds of Robbie Seay infuse the building into a sanctuary where all kinds of people come to worship. Chris Seay, Robbie's brother and also a Baylor alumnus, is head pastor at Ecclesia.



Members of The Robbie Seay Band lead worship at Ecclesia in Houston as part of their musical ministry.

Courtesy photo

Robbie began his journey his senior year in high school when Chris, a Baylor student at the time, started University Baptist Church. Robbie began playing music there with the David Crowder Band, and that's where he said God started leading him into music.

After Baylor, Robbie moved to Houston, and in 1999, Ecclesia began with a few close friends of his. He said it has been a "huge part" of their music.

He said this new album is an expression of many personal

stories and experiences, as well as his with the community at Ecclesia.

"I think over the last couple of years, the band and Ecclesia have been wrestling with how to really live out a missional faith and trying to figure out who Jesus is as well as what is this faith calling us to do and calling us to be," Robbie said in a phone interview.

The Robbie Seay Band consists of Seay and his longtime friends, Dan Hamilton and Ryan Owens. The band's 2005 criti-

cally acclaimed label debut, *Better Days*, gave the band its reputation for alternative worship styles and sounds, along with honest lyrics.

The band's lyrics are about what it really means to follow Christ and how that coincides with the community at Ecclesia and actions in their own lives.

Rice University senior Sarah Wulf is a member of Ecclesia. She said The Robbie Seay Band and other worship leaders at Ecclesia have played a significant part in her spiritual

journey. "The Lord uses praise and worship to connect with his children, and he has definitely used this worship band at Ecclesia to connect with me," Wulf said. "I don't think (The Robbie Seay Band's) style is for everyone. But its raw, genuine sound and solid lyrics have really blessed me."

Waco senior J.K. Wakefield said he first heard of Seay's music from a Donald Miller book.

"I figured if Donald Miller liked them, then they were pretty good" Wakefield said. "On *Give Yourself Away*, I think the lyrics have more to do with social causes. And lyrically, I think it's more diverse than regular worship albums."

Seay said he desires his music to be valued first as good art, and the tie-in with their faith makes the music become a "little closer to home."

"I hope our record initiates conversations about the way we live our lives and what it means to be a believer and really serve others," Seay said.

The album's title, *Give Yourself Away*, is based on the bands' personal questions about faith, poverty and action, Seay said.

"I sense God telling us clearly: do something now," Seay said in a devotional on cmcentral.com. "Don't wait. Get involved — personally, in your community, in your church, around the world ... God is calling us all to give, to serve, and not fall victim to the luxuries of our culture and lifestyle."

As the band tours, Seay said, they have been able to meet many college students and talk about their faith journeys.

"I just meet so many college students who are in that place where we do live in the richest country and most of our needs have been met, yet it's not enough to be content and happy with," Seay said. "I think really a lot of the change that is going on in Christianity is coming from college campuses."

In addition to leading worship at Ecclesia, the band has recorded four independent projects, toured with the David Crowder Band on the 30-city *Collison* Tour in 2005 and they are currently finishing up a tour around the U.S. with Brandon Heath. After the tour, Seay said, the band will continue to make music and "see where God leads us."

Tom's: top-notch burgers, service

By Sean Sosenka
Contributor

With a family-friendly atmosphere and one of the most accommodating wait staffs in Waco, you can expect no less than excellent quality and a home-cooked style from Tom's Burgers.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Tom's Burgers is located in a strip mall at 6818 Sanger Ave. The simple sign reiterates the idea of letting the food speak for itself. The walls inside Tom's make you feel at home — they are adorned by Texas-shaped wire hangings with phrases including, "Sic 'em" and "Welcome," Western-themed collages and crosses, and a "Burger Bulletin" showcasing events and announcements posted by patrons.

The staff at Tom's are truly kind people. They write your name on the ticket instead of using a number system, which adds to the family feel. The meal was quickly ushered out by the cook, who offered a refill on a self-serve drink. They also quickly cleaned up a spilled drink with no complaints and then warned of the wet floor.

"It's not in the Baylor Bubble," said Greenwood Village, Colo., junior Anna Edlund. "I like seeing the people of Waco." Edlund has been working at Tom's for seven months. Her favorite item is the "Texas Toothpicks," which are similar to french fries. She said lunch is the restaurant's busiest time at Tom's.

The burgers are a throwback to your favorite cookout burger. The buttery, toasted bun makes the hearty patties stand out further. It is stacked high with tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, onions and mustard. The tastefully greasy burger was a refreshing change from fast food. Burgers average around \$5.

Upon recommendation from the hostess, the chicken basket also didn't disappoint. The basket comes with two strips of crispy battered chicken, fries and outstanding Texas toast. The peppery strips are moist and seasoned just enough to not overpower the meat. And the delicious toast is the best in Waco — buttered enough to give a golden, crunchy outside and a juicy inside. The chicken basket is \$5.

To wrap up a meal, why not end on a sweet note with one of Tom's malts? The beverage was cold enough to create ice crys-



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

The cook at Tom's Burgers tosses a signature "hearty" patty Thursday.

tals on the outside of the straw and the strong flavor of the malt was reminiscent of childhood malts made by your grandfather or a soda jerk.

The customers at Tom's for lunch ranged from students to families with multiple children to a man in uniform picking up multiple orders for his coworkers.

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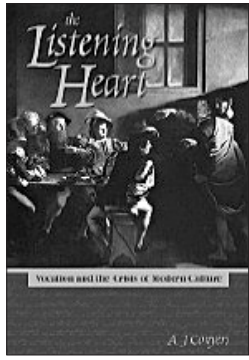
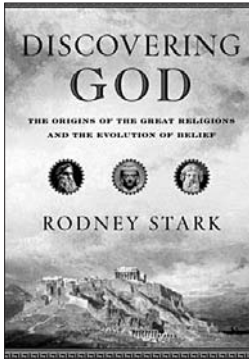
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today,” said Dr. Paul Froese, professor of sociology. “His research is always innovative and his theoretical contributions to social science are immeasurable.”

Conyers’ *Listening Heart* was published posthumously in December 2006 by Spencer Publishing Co. One of the founding members of Baylor’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Conyers died July 18, 2004, after a long battle with cancer.

“I knew that he was struggling to finish this book before he died,” said Dr. David Garland, dean of Truett Seminary. “If I remember correctly, he finished it about a week before he did die. It was an incredible testimony of courage, dedication and faith that carried him through. It was an extraordinary effort and this is an extraordinary reward.”

Before joining Truett as professor of theology in 1994, Conyers served as chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at Charleston Southern University in South Carolina. *Listening Heart* focuses on the idea of vocation as one of vital importance to not only the world of religion, but society as a whole. Conyers argues that when the sense of vocation and divine call begin to fade among men, strands of community begin to tatter and tear, unraveling into a culture unhealthily



(Left) *Discovering God* by Dr. Rodney Stark and (Right) *The Listening Heart* by the late Dr. A.J. “Chip” Conyers both made the ALA Top 10 Books in Religion list for 2007.

obsessed with self.

“I think this book has been a burning issue for him for many years,” Garland said. “It was kind of like he was on a mission on the issue of vocation.”

Conyers’ works include *The Eclipse of Heaven: The Loss of Transcendence in Church and Society*, *A Basic Christian Theology*, and *The End: What Jesus Really Said About the Last Things*. His essays have appeared in Christian magazines such as *Christian Century*, and *Touchstone*, as well as numerous academic journals.

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themselves to handle ethical situations in the workplace.

“I would definitely exercise greater professional skepticism with all clients, but I would also feel helpless because you can’t know everything your client or business partner is up to,” Newman said. “The stress associated with being my brother’s keeper would interfere with my job performance.”

Fortunately, the Hankamer School of Business wants to help.

Its undergraduate program is ranked third in the nation by BusinessWeek’s Ethics Rankings, according to the Hankamer Web site.

Ethics is an essential part of the business school’s DNA, according to the Web site.

Faculty and staff are “guided by Christian commitment” and strive to develop students’ functional and ethics skills.

Hankamer’s mission to foster credibility and leadership potential is clearly witnessed in the department of accounting and business law.

Business & Professional Ethics for Accountants is a required course for all accounting majors. During the semester, students focus on moral and ethical issues and codes of conduct in the accounting profession.

“What we’re really interested in is getting good, solid ethical decision-makers into roles of importance in the market,” said Dr. Gia Chevis, assistant professor of accounting.

Accounting ethics are vital when dealing with financial statements.

In the oral argument transcript, Justice Ruth Bader Gins-

burg suggested that Arthur Andersen, Charter’s independent auditor, knew about the fraud all along.

“At least with respect to the primary fraud, it does draw importance to the role of the accountant and how important it is for them to stand up and say ‘you can’t do this’ and to make sure that their control tests are adequate,” Chevis said.

Chevis also emphasizes the importance for accountants to have an ethical backbone and remember the ‘Public’ in Certified Public Accounting, calling accountants to recognize their job as a public servant and steward.

Where to draw the line

Stoneridge relates to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, which was created to provide more reliable information to investors and promote honest securities dealings.

Section 10(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 prohibits the use of any deceptive or manipulative devices in connection with the purchase or sale of securities.

Rule 10-b-5 specifically declares it unlawful to use any device or scheme to defraud, make untrue statements of material fact, omit material facts, or engage in any acts of business causing fraud or deceit.

The Supreme Court justices have more than SEC rulings to consider.

Central Bank, N.A. v. First Interstate Bank, N.A., serves as a precedent for Stoneridge.

The 1994 Supreme Court case also involved a company and its business partners colluding in a scheme to fraudulently represent corporate revenues.

In Central Bank, the Supreme Court decided that third parties

aren’t liable for “aiding and abetting,” the legal term used when secondary actors assist in securities fraud.

The Court also declared that secondary actors are liable only if they meet all the requirements for primary liability, including that investors rely upon the party’s actions.

Chief Justice Roberts confirmed this during the Stoneridge hearing.

“The fraud imposed upon the market was Charter’s accounting for the transaction on its books. Nobody bought or sold stocks in reliance upon the way that Scientific-Atlanta and Charter structured their deal. They did so in reliance upon the way Charter communicated its accounting to the marketplace,” Roberts said.

Scientific-Atlanta and Motorola, however, fail the reliance test necessary to make them primarily liable.

“They didn’t defraud their own shareholders,” said Blake LeCrone, senior lecturer of business law. “That’s how they got around it. It’s a fine line.”

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has the power to sanction and fine violators of its regulations.

“Congress intended an expert agency to address solely aiding and abetting cases,” Justice David H. Souter said.

The SEC is the primary regulator of the U.S. securities markets.

Its mission is to protect investors, maintain fair and efficient

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Dallas and Austin,” she said.

DuPuy shared the same aspirations. She said the Foundation has so much hope and faith about the potential establishment of the site as a national park, as it will “bring people into our community,” she said

Brian Waidmann, chief of staff of the Department of the Interior, and Meyer met with the Mammoth Foundation on Tuesday.

The group visited the Mayborn Museum Complex’s display of specimens drawn from the site before touring the site itself.

“Afterwards, I think that’s when he (Meyer) definitely knew he was supporting something extremely important, not just for Waco, but for this whole area,” Young said.

Waidmann attended to survey the site, as it may soon be authenticated as a national park.

“We’ve already had the evaluation and been found to be a place of particular importance and interest, but you have to work your way up through several different level. The secretary of the interior is the one that gets that all on board,” Young said.

Young said she didn’t know how soon this may occur.

“Everything seems to move very slowly through the various steps,” she said.

The Mammoth Foundation hopes to have the site affirmed by the end of the year, she said. However, the Foundation still needs to raise \$1.5 million in funds to complete the Waco Mammoth Site’s project.

markets and facilitate capital formation, according to its Web site.

Some business and legal analysts think consequences of the Stoneridge scheme should be enforced by the SEC, rather than by judicial court rulings.

“My personal opinion is that this is not something that the court should handle,” said LeCrone. “Congress has already acted several times to discount aiding and abetting. I think that to expand the liability at this time to third-party investors would not be a good thing.”

According to federal judiciary

court documents, the 8th Circuit for the U.S. Court of Appeals agreed in Stoneridge that Congress should handle cases of

such magnitude.

All eyes on the Court

Eyes throughout the national business sector are focusing on Stoneridge.

“There are a lot of parties with a lot of vested interests,” Chevis said.

More than 30 individuals and organizations filed amicus curiae briefs regarding the case, signaling a strong amount of interest in the pending decision.

These “friends of the court” briefs are voluntarily filed by people not affiliated with the case who wish to contribute information or testimony to help in the court’s decision.

Parties that filed amicus briefs for Stoneridge included the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Nas-

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