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Students getting swabbed for marrow match

By Tessa Shockey Reporter

Blood can come from anyone, but bone marrow is much harder to match.

Kappa Phi Gamma and Omega Delta Phi are holding a bone marrow drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday in the Baylor Sciences Building and the Bill Daniel Student Cen-

The organizations, in part-

nership with Scott and White hospital, are asking students to "trust us with vour cheeks."

The DNA-procuring process is quick and painless, Houston senior Andrew Ortiz said. A cheek swab, called a buckle swab, will be taken to collect a sample of the person's DNA and if the student is willing, his or her DNA will be entered into a bone marrow registry where it will be cross-referenced to others with the same tissue type.

"The likelihood of being contacted is very low as bone marrow is typically used from nextof-kin matches," said Ortiz, the service chair for Omega Delta Phi. "People can only use bone marrow from their own race, so immediate family is used the majority of the time."

Those who have their cheeks swabbed have no obligation to enter the registry.

"We're doing this to raise awareness," Ortiz said. "Minorities are at most risk of vulnerability because donations are not being received from multicultural communities."

Ortiz said he hopes the drive will be a positive force to combat the problem.

"One thing that I hope people realize is you can potential-ly save a life," Las Vegas, Nev., junior Salimah Hussain said. "It isn't a hard process."

Previously, multiple blood samples had to be taken to determine a match.

Now a cotton swab can determine a match quickly and eas-

Professional medical personnel from Scott and White will be taking the cheek swabs and are providing the buses and tables for the marrow drive.

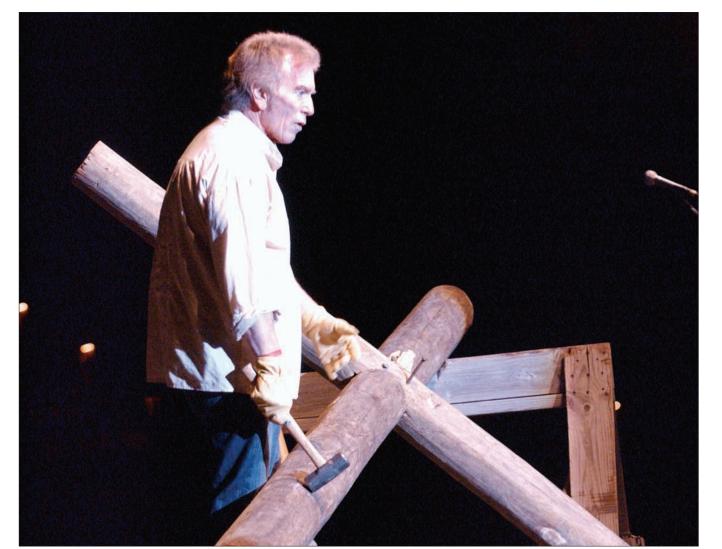
Bone marrow can save the lives of people with leukemia, lymphoma and many other diseases. These patients have depleted amounts of marrow

because of chemotherapy. The donor's healthy cells are given to the patient to replace the defi-

"The best donor is the young donor in their 20s," said Debbie Mabry, manager of the Scott and White Marrow Donor Program. "We try to be very active on college campuses."

Mabry said while there are 6 million people on the marrow

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Bearing the burden

Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Faculty Senate asks for details about **Baylor hiring policy**

By Anita Pere Staff writer

Faculty passed a resolution Tuesday requesting information from the human resources department outlining steps required to hire prospective faculty members.

"The Faculty Senate perceives the process employed by Baylor University to hire new faculty members to be overly complicated and inefficient," according to the wording of the resolution.

Senate members are concerned the addition of faculty background checks beginning in January could further delay the process.

New software and efforts to move away from paper applications, however, may help speed things along.

Resolutions are fairly rare, said Matthew Cordon, Faculty Senate chairman. They differ from motions in the sense that resolutions are formal documents showing a Senate concern, whereas motions are ver bal expressions. Samer Baransi, Student Senate internal vice president, addressed the Faculty Senate regarding evaluation methods of faculty members. The Student Senate has a committee on faculty evaluations. Baransi and other senate members said they think current evaluation methods are not very effective in helping students choose classes and professors. "They favored syllabi going online, along with voluntary, self-disclosed information concerning teaching philosophy and class requirements not otherwise explicitly stated in the syllabus (so students can make informed decisions when selecting classes)," said Baransi, a Plano senior. He said he agreed with the senate that third-party Web sites with professor ratings are not reliable, often offering a biased point of view. "They express the opinion of precisely the people whose opinions should matter the least, and that is the outliers," he said. People who strongly like or dislike a teacher may "distort the true perception of that professor."

in teacher evaluations lies in objectivity.

"There isn't an objective system that's going to work better than what we have now," he said.

Cordon mentioned that student evaluations of faculty members carry sway in the way teachers are perceived among their peers.

Also directly involving students were thoughts on increasing faculty attendance at graduation ceremonies.

Cordon said various university deans and provosts have commented on this issue. An ad-hoc committee has been established to develop ways to draw faculty members into the ceremonies.

President John Lilley spoke with the Senate, recapping the Nov. 2 regents meeting. Lilley reminded the Senate they could recommend notable alumni for a regent position.

Lilley also defended the requirement that regents be practicing Baptist. He cited similar measures at Notre Dame University, which requires its board members to be Catholic. Patti Orr, vice president for information technology, introduced herself to the Senate and spoke about information and library resources, as well as sustainability efforts. Orr, also dean of libraries, chairs the university wide sustainability committee. She said she is proud of the strides made in sustainability, such as default duplex printing now in university libraries. Since the semester's start, this practice has saved more than 377,000 pieces of paper, Orr said. The committee is now working toward a 30 percent rate of recycled paper used for printing, which she said is a feasible goal considering costs saved from duplex printing. Chris Krause, assistant vice president of parking services, and Chuck Cullen, director of Parking Consulting Services of the Consulting Engineers Group Inc., spoke with the Senate about a parking survey which will be e-mailed to all faculty and staff as well as 5,000 students. The Consulting Engineers Group Inc. was hired to examine parking and transportation services at the university.

Joe White, president and owner of Kanakuk Camp and founder of Kids Across America preached the Gospel Tuesday to Crossroads concert-goers at The Ferrell Center.

Jesuit roots of higher education proposed in radical orthodoxy lecture series

By Christopher Stone Reporter

If you are free and you understand what God's will is, you're going to chose it.

At least that's what the Rev. John F. Montag of St. Louis University said Tuesday in his lecture, Ratio Studiorum: How the Jesuits Invented Modern Higher Education.

Montag gave the opening lecture of a series called Radical Orthodoxy: A Colloquium at Armstrong Browning's Treasure room

Montag explained that the ideas of tenure and education for the masses came from the Jesuit order during the Renaissance, but more importantly, he said, came the idea that balance can exist between holding firmly to Christian tradition while moving confidently into the future.

Jesuit education involved the Ratio Studiorum, a series of Scriptural exercises developed by St. Ignatius to teach people to become free to choose the will of God.

"The whole idea of having a personal relationship with God through Christ was an innovation for Catholics," he said

He said the Jesuits created universities where people could study in the Jesuit tradition and the mission was to benefit the people, not the scholarly ambition seen in previous priestly orders. No longer was education limited to a few; the end goal education itself. Modern higher education is the culmination of the idea of education for the masses to benefit the people.

"Everything the Jesuits did as clerics, they gave as priests to the laity. Education was primary in that," Montag said.

Jesuit education, Montag said, had a very Christian, very missional focus, as did all modern higher education institutions until recently. He said universities today must ask themselves what their mission is and where they are going in light of that



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

The Rev. John F. Montag lectured Tuesday as part of a series on radical orthodoxy that continues until Thursday

Cordon said the difficulty

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\$5 million donation establishes need-based Honors College scholarships

By Kate Gronewald and Victoria Marie S. Bongat Reporters

Clifton and Betsy Robinson have pledged to give \$5 million to the Honors College.

The donation will establish the C. Clifton Robinson and Betsy Sharp Robinson Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide need-based financial assistance for Honors students.

Incoming freshmen and some upperclassmen will be eligible to receive the scholarships.

Recipients will be known as Clifton and Betsy Robinson Scholars and will be required to study in at least one of the four Honors College programs: Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, the Honors Program, University Scholars or Great Texts.

More than 75 percent of Baylor students receive some type of financial aid, and more than \$23 million was awarded this school year.

'This will revolutionize our program," Dr. Alden Smith, associate dean in the Honors College, said. "It will allow us to

recruit students from financially challenged backgrounds."

Smith said the scholarship fund will change dynamics in a very positive way.

"We can't thank Clifton and Betsy enough," Smith said. "They're fantastic people."

He said they are changing the lives of students with their generousity.

"It's not about the Honors College, but about the students who will enter it," Smith said.

When asked about how the scholarship will be given out, Smith said that had not yet been decided.

"We haven't figured out how to distribute this yet," Smith said. "We're still just soaking it all in."

President John Lilley also expressed his gratitude for the scholarship.

"Clifton and Betsy Robinson continue to generously support the family legacy of embracing the Baylor mission and helping it to prosper locally, in Texas, across the nation and around

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OPINION

Steroids problem extends to dentists, professors

Some aging athletes will do anything to "play young, play strong" even if it means exorbitant pharmacy bills. News reports indicate veteran MLB outfielder Jose Guillen bought \$19,000 worth of drugs between 2002 and 2005. Retired All-Star Matt Williams bought \$11,600 worth from the same anti-aging clinic in 2002.

Williams admitted to sampling the drugs, but "not liking it." That makes plenty of sense to me. There's nothing as frustrating as spending over \$10,000 for pharmaceuticals and then finding out you overpaid. Williams was so upset that he retired the following year, not able to find

any he did like.

Of course, Williams, Guillen, and fellow customers, Ismael Valdez (\$11,300 in 2002) and Paul Byrd (\$25,000 from 2002 to 2005), might have had a clue, given that all of their orders were prescribed by — a dentist. I don't know about you, but

my dentist rarely prescribes anything more than to remember to floss daily — which patients are told solely to feel inferior to the high and mighty dental assistants who have nothing better to do than flaunt the many benefits of flossing every time we forget to skip our regularly scheduled appointments.

Or, it could be that the pow-



erful National Dental Floss Association pays dental assistants to promote daily flossing, given that most people keep the same little square plastic box of floss for something upwards of a decade. I know I have.

Plus, I have never heard of anyone actually dying from the gingivitis, which I have it from reliable inside sources was totally made up by creative American Dental Association marketers.

Sadly, perhaps due to the influence of rogue dentists, we now learn of increased use of performance-enhancing drugs in academics. According to the Stanford Daily, prescription drugs such as Ritalin, Adderall, and Dexedrine, typically prescribed to treat behavioral disorders such as ADD, are being used to enhance scholarly performance.

Faced with pressures to produce highly regarded journal articles while also performing at high levels in the classroom, professors may see these drugs as the answer to fading mental

faculties, so to speak. To worsen matters, the recent writers strike by the Writers Guild of America means that many instructors find themselves with no new material, forcing class cancellations. Others, years ago having gone into syndicated reruns, have been able to continue work as usual.

Reportedly, popular talk show hosts such as Jay Leno, David Letterman and Joe Yelderman have sided with the writers and have been spotted brandishing challenging placards while demonstrating outside Hollywood studios.

Returning to the purported subject of this column, we

believe that asterisks should be placed on those publications known to have been produced with the aid of performance enhancing drugs. Federal investigators have determined that much of the problem originates in the highly competitive Ivy League. Thankfully, Baylor students have yet to report any suspicious behavior on campus. However, this may be due to the lack of qualified dentists capable of diagnosing the problem. Maybe I don't need to skip my next dental appointment. I might even floss.

Dr. Kirk Wakefield is chairman ofthemarketingdepartmentinthe Hankamer School of Business.

Editorial Proposed Waco university won't solve city's education problems

At a brainstorming retreat held Thursday and Friday by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, 40 Waco business leaders proposed bringing a four-year state university to Waco.

Arguing that the city's number of citizens with bachelor's degrees over the age of 25 is sub par in relation to both Texas' and the nation's average, Waco's education gap is hurting the city's growth and quality of life.

Chamber president Jim Vaughan argued that the state needs to make a college education available and affordable to more McLennan County students, with only 110 college freshmen from McLennan County attending Baylor University this year.

The talks center around the fact that the closest state-supported fouryear colleges of Texas A&M University and University of Texas, as well as universities in Dallas and Denton, don't provide underprivileged local students a readily available higher education within close proximity.

Alleging that Waco is the largest city in Texas without a four-year state university, the chamber insists Waco would be an ideal location for a freestanding state-supported higher education institution.

There are obvious reasons this would aid Waco's growth. With the addition of a 20,000-plus enrollment in addition to faculty and staff moving to the area, the increase in population base and growth of business revenue would be a boom to the local economy.

But if the chamber's real reason behind backing a four-year state university is for the sake of local students, maybe the chamber should look into aiding the source of those students: Waco's elementary, middle and high schools

Eighteen of Waco's 29 elementary schools are ranked in the bottom half of lexas' elementary schools, according to schooldigger.com, a Web site Independent School District.



that bases its rankings on total enrollment, student-to-teacher ratio, percentage of students receiving free or discounted lunches and TAKS testing scores. The lowest ranking of Waco's elementary schools at 3,649th of the 3,680 total state rankings goes to

The school averages a 120 on the combined TAKS test, a total 76 points lower than Waco's leading elementary school, South Bosque Elementary of Midway Independent School Distict, which ranks 170th statewide.

Following suit, seven of Waco's

ranked on the Web site.

La Vega Junior High School ranks the lowest at 1,238th out of the 1,306 Texas middle schools ranked. It's TAKS average is a 124.5, 55.5 points lower than Rapoport Academy's Quinn Campus average of 180.

earned Waco's top middle school ranking of 219th.

Further and now probably not surprising, seven of Waco's nine high schools are ranked in the bottom half of the Texas high schools ranked on the Web site.

However, Bosqueville School Secondary of the Bosqueville Independent School District ranks an impressive 19th out of the 1,281 Texas high schools ranked on the Web site. Bosqueville's TAKS test scores average 191.34 while Stars High School of the Waco Independent School Distict, Waco's lowest ranking high school at 1,245th, scores 70.66 on average.

Sixty-eight percent of the schools offering students their educational foundation are below the state's average. If students in McLennan County, as a Waco Tribune-Herald editorial Saturday suggested, are not able to get into other area state-supported universities, what makes them think building another four-year institution in Waco would be a viable option for these below-average students? More than likely, a majority of the state university students would not be from McLennan County.

The realistic higher-education option for these students lies with the expansion and support of McLennan Community College's University Center program. The University Center already offers 14 bachelor's degrees through the community college's arrangements with Tarleton State, the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas at Browns-

Once Waco's schools are above the state average, then it would be practical to consider instituting another higher education option directed toward them.

By endorsing programs such as the University Center and improving local education, the city can show

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nine middle schools are ranking in the bottom half of Texas middle schools and Bernard Rapoport Academy real priorities lie.

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Letters to the editor

Paul polls low for a reason

To Brad Briggs: Your column, "Libertarians are a menace to society, democracy" has got to be one of the most convoluted columns I have ever read.

Sexual freedom, reefer madness and a disproportionate share of people with lots of money are already occurring thanks to authoritarian types who have replaced the people's guaranteed freedoms with government control.

Dr. Paul is "lagging" in the polls because the polls don't include him on their telephone surveys. They are calling the same registered Republicans who voted in 2004.

Since most of Paul's supporters are independents and newcomers to politics and own cell phones, not landline phones, they're not

going to get polled.

Let me stop and think what government services I'll lose if the income tax was abolished. Zero. because I have no need to depend on the federal government for my livelihood.

Hey Brad — ever heard of pulling your own weight? States doing the functions that the almighty federal government is doing now?

Try reading the Constitution sometime. Education, housing, getting involved in the U.N. and WTO ... nowhere in the Constitution.

Paul is a nutcase?

Typical cheap shot from someone who doesn't understand the issues.

Libertarianism is the heart and soul of this great nation. Brian Keys Green Bay, WI

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Corrections

The article "Baylor foreign graduate student numbers defy national trend" contained several errors.

The 7 percent increase in total enrollment of foreign students at American graduate schools is since the Council of Graduate Schools' last study in 2006. It is the greatest increase since 2002.

By Philip J. Anderson

Portland, OR

The increase in total foreign

enrollment from India was 14 percent, from China was 15 percent and from South Korea was 2 percent. These countries did not produce the top three increases in foreign enrollment; they are "the top three countries of origin for international graduate students in the United States," according to the study.

The study did not cover undergraduate enrollment.

A corrected version of the story can be found online at the Lariat Web site.

Monday's editorial, "Giuliani endorsement hypocritical," incorrectly stated Giuliani's position on gay marriage. Giuliani is a supporter of gay civil unions, not gay marriage.

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NEWS

By Katherine Farlow Reporter

Dutch actor Klaas Hofstra will perform the one-man play Picasso's War at 7 p.m. Thursday in 149 Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center.

The Allbritton Art Institute is sponsoring the play as a part of "Picassofest" in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Picasso's "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon."

Hofstra, who wrote the play, said the title comes from the many things Picasso was at war with during his life: himself, his women and with his paints.

Picasso was very emotional and became depressed after one

As a painter, Picasso was at war with how to get his paints on canvas and the challenge of being creative, Hofstra said.

"I think he's a fascinating man," Hofstra said. He likes that Picasso was

always changing.

"That's what I admire about him," Hofstra said. "He always found new ways; he never repeated his success."

Hofstra said of his performance, "I hope people see the human being behind the paintings and therefore the paintings will mean more to them."

Audio and video resources curator Sondra Brady said, "I

of his lovers left him, Hofstra think Picasso is one of our most important philosophers and artists."

> When Picasso moved away from objectivity in his art, people began viewing his cubism and began to see things from a different perspective, Brady said.

Hofstra's performance will integrate music and slides into his portrayal of Picasso.

'One of the things I find fascinating about Klaas' approach is that he demands of himself extreme economy of set and costumes," senior lecturer Dr. Karen Pope said.

Actors usually travel with a lot of props and materials. For his performance Hofstra bor-

rowed only a table and chair from the theater, Pope said.

Hofstra said using slides as scenery and background for his performances makes traveling easier. Hofstra began his acting

career by writing a play about artist Vincent van Gogh. Hofstra said he thought looking into the life of a well known artist seemed like it would be interesting and appealing to other people who appreciate art. His first performance of the van Gogh play was in New York for the Dutch society.

An acquaintance who was also an agent saw his show and decided she wanted to sell his productions from there on, he

said.

The ultimate moment in Hofstra's life as an actor came when he performed the van Gogh play at a van Gogh museum.

"I thought here I am, my dream when I was young came true," he said. "I really thought this was it. Fortunately after that there came more."

From 1985, Hofstra's agent began selling his one-person productions about painters. He has played van Gogh, Rembrandt, Toulouse-Lautrec and Picasso among others.

Hofstra said the artists he chooses to portray have interesting lives, problems and are emotional engaging.

VIENNA, Austria — Iran has

met a key demand of the U.N.

By George Jahn

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Hofstra has also written other one-person productions on famous composers such as Chopin and Beethoven.

Since the age of 14, Hofstra was interested in theater. After attending a one-person show in the Netherlands, Hofstra thought it was fantastic.

"I thought I would like to do that kind of theater," Hofstra said.

After high school he went to college and became a teacher and then came to the United States and went to drama school for a year. He returned to the Netherlands to earn money as a teacher and it wasn't until Hofstra was 35 he quit teaching and became a full-time actor.

Thanksgivingdinnercomes early for Baylor students

By Hayley Frank Reporter

students For who can't wait until Thanksgiving to get their share of turkey and dressing, stop by the University-wide Thanksgiving Dinner to get your food fix.

Senior class officers have invited students to join them for free food and fellowship from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Fountain Mall.

Students can join the feast by presenting their Baylor student ID cards.

"We just want students to be able to come out and have a meal together at the end of the week," said McAllen senior Jen Kim. "It's a great time for students to meet people and catch up with old friends."

Kim, who is the secretary and treasurer for the senior

class, said about 3,000 students came out for the event last year, and she hopes just as many people, if not more, will attend this

This is Baylor's second year in a row to host the campuswide Thanksgiving dinner. The event is made free for Baylor students, due to Aramark Corporation donating the food for the dinner.



staples: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie. Hot chocolate and apple cider will also be served.

giving day dinner tables in just over a week, but for Baylor stu-

dents the holiday dinner is served Thursday.

"In the spirit of Thanksgiving, it's nice to be able to share a meal with friends," said Nairobi, Kenya, senior Tara Gitau. "There aren't too many events where everyone is invited to hang out and enjoy a free dinner."

Kim said the menu consists the senior class, said vegetar-

the menu this year because officers realize the importance of accommodating all students.

"lencourage everyone to come, even graduate students," Kim said. "It's just a nice way to enjoy the weather and food and friends."

Last year President John Lilley made an appearance at the feast, and Kim said it's possible he may stop by again, even though he's not scheduled to attend.

Kim said students should take advantage of the free meal, since all of the dining halls will be closed for the evening.

"The community aspect is nice, too, since we are all away from our homes and families," Kim said. "Plus, not very many places can facilitate a dinner like this for so many people at once."

Student body president Travis Plummer said although the event was not directed at faculty and staff, they are more than welcome to attend.

He said the event was "not only wonderful for students to get a free meal, but it really brings the campus together."

"It's really just a great fellowship event, and it's fun to go Gitau, vice president for with a group of people," Plummer said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Bears for Life will hold a prayer vigil at 4 p.m. today at Waco's Planned Parenthood on 1927 Columbus Ave. Students can meet in front of the Baylor Bookstore at 3:50 p.m. to carpool to the clinic. For more information, contact Luke_Womble@baylor.edu or Rachana Chhin at 281-685-2807.

The Multicultural Committee in the department of psychology and neuroscience will hold a Community Art Exhibit from 5 to 7 p.m. today in E234 Baylor Sciences Building. The exhibit is to raise awareness of multicultural issues important to psychological practice.

The Environmental Concern Organization will host "Kilowatt Ours" from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Bowl. The documentary will explore renewable energy and conservation. Hot cocoa and cider will be available. Students should bring their own blankets and mugs

Student Activities will feature Acoustic Café from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. Free coffee and pastries will be provided.

Run for Hope, a one-mile fundraiser, will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday at Harris House. Proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For more information, contact Anna Meier@baylor.edu or ben_mayo@baylor.edu.

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Those findings will likely lead to new calls by the United States, France and Britain for a

third round of U.N. sanctions. But China and Russia, the other permanent council members, may emphasize progress made, and demand more time for Iran before fresh U.N. penalties are imposed. The agency has been seeking possession of the blueprints since 2005, when it stumbled upon them among a batch of other documents during its examination of suspect Iranian nuclear activities. While agency inspectors had been allowed to examine them in the country, Tehran had up to now refused to let the International Atomic Energy Agency have a copy for closer perusal.

Diplomats accredited to the agency, who demanded anonymity for divulging confidential information, said the drawings were hand-carried by Mohammad Saeedi, deputy director of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization and handed over last week in Vienna to Oli Heinonen, an ElBaradei deputy in charge of the Iran investigations.

Iran maintains it was given the papers without asking for them during its black market purchases of nuclear equipment decades ago that serve as the backbone of its program to enrich uranium - a process that can generate power or create the fissile core of nuclear warheads.

Iran's refusal to suspend enrichment has been the main trigger for both existing U.N. sanctions and the threat of new ones. Iran, which says it has a right to enrich to generate power, has repeatedly said it

into the shape of warheads, diplomats said Tuesday, in an apparent concession ElBaradei

ran has failed to meet other requests made by the International Atomic Energy Agency in its attempts to end nearly two decades of nuclear secrecy on the part of the Islamic Republic.

The confidential report,

nuclear agency by delivering

Iran gives agency

nuclear blueprints

meant to stave off the threat of new U.N. sanctions.

But the diplomats said Teh-

The diplomats spoke to The Associated Press as International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei put the finishing touches on his latest report to the agency's 35-nation board of governors, for consideration during a meeting that begins on Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day.

expected to be distributed to agency members today or Thursday, is likely to show substantial but not full compliance by Iran with its pledges to come clean on past activities — and confirm at the same time that Tehran continues to enrich uranium in defiance of the U.N. Security

Not everyone in Waco favors idea of giant Texas Ranger statue

The Associated Press

WACO — Members of an advisorv board made up of business and community leaders have come out against a giant Texas Ranger statue proposed for the city.

A subcommittee of the City

Council's Public Improvement District advisory board voted to recommend that the council

reject building the statue. "I think everyone's main problem with it was really the size," said Steve Cates, the subcommittee's chairman and president of Texas Life Insur-

ance Co.

The statue, proposed to be from 55 to 67 feet tall, would stand in front of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum on Interstate 35.

The design calls for the lawman to be dressed in 1880s attire and stand in a vigilant

pose, with a sidearm and a rifle.

The City Council gave its informal blessing to the \$650,000 project last month, allowing them to move forward with fund raising and working with Houston sculptor David Adickes on the design.

It is to be completed by next fall.

Honey Rader, owner of Honevs Home+Style in downtown Waco, said the statue wouldn't help the city's image.

Radar said especially if it reminds people of the Branch Davidians and their deadly

standoff with law enforcement.

"If we put up that statue, it'll never go away," she said. "We'll never live it down. I just don't think that's the image that we want."

The advisory board will hold a public meeting on the statue next month.

Sexually transmitted diseases escalate

By Mike Stobbe The Associated Press

ATLANTA — More than 1 million cases of chlamydia were reported in the United States last year — the most ever reported for a sexually transmitted disease, federal health officials said Tuesday

Officials at the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention said they think better and more intensive screening accounts for much of the increase, but added that chlamydia was not the only sexually transmitted disease on the rise.

Gonorrhea rates are jumping again after hitting a record low, and an increasing number of cases are caused by a "superbug"

version resistant to common antibiotics.

Syphilis is rising, too. The rate of congenital syphilis — which can deform or kill babies — rose for the first time in 15 years.

"Hopefully we will not see this turn into a trend," said Dr. Khalil Ghanem, an infectious diseases specialist at Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine.

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Seniors face last chance for victory

By Brian Bateman Sports writer

With classes winding down to the final few weeks, many seniors are fretting about their final semester, exams and snagging their dream internship.

But for the seniors on Baylor's football roster, one final game stands between them and their

"I'm just looking forward to getting an opportunity to spoil (Oklahoma State University's) chances for a bowl game," senior cornerback Josh Bell said.

When many of the seniors were entering their freshman seasons four years ago, the Bears were in turmoil.

Then-head coach Kevin Steele had just been relieved and Guy Morriss was moving from the University of Kentucky to Baylor.

"I came to play against the best, you know, Roy Williams and all of them," Bell said. "It's been a great thing just to be apart of."

Since coming to Baylor, Baylor's secondary has been tested against Williams, Rashaun Woods, Adarius Bowman and last week's foe, Malcolm Kelly.

"It's been a great experience. I learned so much from (former) coach (Wesley) McGriff. Even if you're the slowest person on the field you can still dominate a receiver," Bell said.

As the only class to pass through Baylor under Morriss' guidance, they've been through many peaks and valleys.

An overtime victory against Texas A&M University in 2004, a fourth-quarter surge against the University of Kansas in 2006 and a victory over defending Big 12 champion University of Colorado in 2003 all gave them hope.

And Baylor's 2005 victory over the Cowboys gave Baylor a sweet taste after a bitter defeat to the University of Missouri the week before, ending the Bears' best chance at a bowl game in 10 years.

"They looked at their schedule and said we have Baylor and then we have OU. We're gonna get our win against Baylor this week," Bell said. The Bears managed eight turnovers en route to a 44-34 victory.

However, heartbreaking losses to Iowa State University during the 2005 homecoming, Washington State University on a last-second field goal and winning just two games against the Big 12 South took their toll.

But Oklahoma and Texas left their mark as well.

"My true freshman year, (Texas defensive lineman) Marcus Stubbs and (Oklahoma defensive lineman) Tommie Harris had my number," offensive guard Chad Smith said. "I've got a picture of Marcus Stubbs picking me up and pushing me into the quarterback. Tommie Harris was so fast I don't think I even touched him."

But that didn't stop Smith, who has matured into one of the



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Senior cornerback Josh Bell, 2, attempts to get by senior offensive guard Chad Smith, 70, Tuesday during one of their last practices at Floyd Casey Stadium. Saturday's game will be the last of both Bell and Smith's Baylor career.

best linemen on campus.

"If I could, I'd go back and knock Marcus Stubbs to the ground," he said.

Baylor's senior defenders have had their share of encounters as well. Linebacker Nick Moore had a number of them against Vince Young in the Longhorns' 2005 national title run.

"He was a bit of a running guarterback then, but he proved he didn't have to run the ball to be successful. That's why he's so successful in the NFL," Moore said.

But reminiscing doesn't help win against current rivals. With senior day arriving Saturday, the upperclassmen still have work to do.

"I don't have a career touchdown, and I'd like to get one," Moore said.

Chad Smith, who was sitting nearby, chimed in with his desires

"I'd like to get my first career touchdown, too," he said. Not everyone is looking for

the big plays, though.

Bell intends to play the game just as he would any other game, even with family and friends coming into town.

"My family knows I'm going to play the same way regardless. I play the same way on the field as if we were sitting around at the dinner table eating," he said. "I'm gonna put on a show."

Time running out on BU volleyball

By Justin Baer Sports writer

Losing three matches in a row is always a disheartening event. Losing three matches in a row that each went to five games? An even tougher feat to accept.

Baylor has taken its past three opponents — the University of Missouri, Iowa State University, and Kansas State University — to five games.

Although a loss is never something that is deemed as an accomplishment, the fact that all three teams swept Baylor in the first round of conference play has the Lady Bears optimistic.

"It's pretty tough, but we are getting better every game," Jewett junior Haley Thomas said. "It's hard to lose, but at the same time we are proud of ourselves for doing so much better."

Before the three-game skid began, the Lady Bears scorched their opponents to start off the second half of conference play and produced a five-game winning steak. The streak was Baylor's longest since 1999.

With a 14-13 overall record, a postseason trip is still a possibility. But with two of the top teams in the nation, the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas, still ahead, it will require the Lady Bears to up their level of intensity another notch to compete with two perennial powerhouses like the Cornhuskers and Longhorns.

"I think volleyball is really mental, especially when you play teams like Texas and Nebraska," Buda sophomore Anna Breyfogle said. "They have this huge aura around them, because they are so amazing. But we just have to throw that out the window and play our best."

The Lady Bears have proven to Barnes before that they have the ability to hold their own against nationally ranked opponents. Last week it took five games for No. 12 Kansas State to defeat Baylor. While the match did not end the way Baylor had hoped it would, Barnes said his girls showed determination and promise against one of the top teams in the Big 12.

"Everyone's eyes are open to the fact that we have proven a lot and that we are battling with the top teams in the league down to the wire," Barnes said. "Each match we have learned how to close matches better and come back from behind. Unfortunately we couldn't do that against Kansas State.

Even with the three consecutive losses, it is evident that Baylor is playing its best volleyball of the season. But now entering its toughest stretch of the season, will it be enough?

"I hope so; we are getting better every match," Barnes said. "We have played well, but we have had to deal with injuries. Yet we are still playing better and better."

Baylor travels to Norman, Okla., today to take on the No. 22 University of Oklahoma Sooners at 7 p.m.

Soccer coach resigns after another disappointing finish

By Selena Mejia Reporter

George Van Linder resigned his post as Baylor soccer's head coach, Athletic Director lan McCaw announced Friday.

Van Linder lead the Lady Bears to a five-year record of 31-52-9, finishing his time at Baylor with a 7-10-2 record in the 2007 season.

Van Linder joined the Baylor coaching staff in 2003 after coaching at Southern Methodist University for four seasons. Before his time at SMU, he spent three seasons at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind.

"Having been in the business, I know never to count on anything," Van Linder said. "It's frustrating right now. Coaching at Baylor has been an important and positive time in my career."

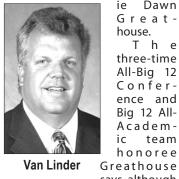
Van Linder says he has received several phone calls and tremendous support from other soccer coaches in the Big 12.

"During games we're competitors, but outside of that there's more," Van Linder said.

Van Linder doesn't know where the future may lead but finds the endorsement from the other coaches encouraging and looks forward to what he hopes is a long and fruitful career in college soccer.

Media relations assistant director Justin Stottlemyre said the women's soccer team is not available to comment on the situation.

be former Baylor standout goal-



she has not been contacted by Baylor, she would be interested in the job should Baylor show

interest.

Dawn

While at Baylor, Greathouse was a member of the historic 1998 soccer team, the first team to capture a Big 12 title for Baylor in any sport.

Greathouse played with the Washington Freedom of the Women's United Soccer Association in 2001 and 2002 and played for the San Jose Cyber Rays in 2002 and 2003.

Greathouse is currently the assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame.

"I need to keep my focus here (at Notre Dame.) We're in the

middle of playoffs " Greathouse said.

With Greathouse's help, Notre Dame has a 11-0-0 record in conference play this season and is participating in the postseason.

Greathouse coaches under Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum, who was Baylor soccer's head coach for the first three years of the program.

That included the team's lone Big 12 regular season title in 1998. Waldrum helped to lead the Irish to a national title in 2004



Stars fire GM Armstrong

By Paul J. Weber The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars through the 2010-11 season, and fired general manager Doug Armstrong on Tuesday after a disappointing 7-7 start following a third straight exit in the first round of the playoffs. Armstrong, the Stars general manager since 2002, left team headquarters in suburban Frisco without comment. No replacement was immediately named. The team said it planned to hire an interim GM. The firing came three days after the Stars blew a four-goal lead in the third period and lost 6-5 in overtime to the Los Angeles Kings. "I thought that the team needed a change in direction," Stars owner Tom Hicks said. "I know that change can be healthy, and it was my determination that this move needed to be made." Armstrong, 43, had been with the Stars for 17 years, serving as assistant general manager when the Stars won the Stanley Cup in 1999. He was promoted the same day the Stars fired former coach Ken Hitchcock, and one

ing coach Dave Tippett in 2002. Armstrong's contract ran

of his first moves as GM was hir-

Baylor is conducting a nationwide search for the next soccer

head coach and doesn't currently have a timetable for the impending hire. One possible contender for the position could



i ippett s is up after this season.

Stars captain Brenden Morrow said the team sensed a change was imminent.

"I don't know if it's shocking," Morrow said. "It's unfortunate it had to come to that. It's something we didn't get done on the ice."

Under Armstrong, the Stars could never seem to extend their regular season success into the playoffs.

Despite having the thirdmost number of wins (190) in the NHL since 2002, the Stars have not advanced past the first round since reaching the Western Conference semifinals in 2003

The Stars lost 4-1 in the first round to Colorado in 2004 and again in 2006, when Dallas finished the regular season as the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

The Stars lost in seven games last season to Vancouver after entering the playoffs as the No. 6 seed.







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ENTERTAINMENT

Keys hits heartstrings, all the right notes with album

By Amanda Robison Entertainment editor

Alicia Keys is back with a powerfully passionate album, As I Am, that fits perfectly with her soul-filled sound.

Keys, whose real name is Alicia Augello-Cook, has been in the game for about six years now. She broke onto the scene in 2001 with her soul and truthfilled No. 1 single "Fallin."

And it is undeniable she has been a force in the music industry ever since.

She is one of only four women who has ever won 5 Grammy Awards in one year (the others were Lauryn Hill, Norah Jones and Beyonce).

And she now has a total of 9 Grammy Awards as well as many other awards and nominations.

The 14-track album begins with the trademark sound of Keys tickling the ivories, then the beat hits and prepares you to enter the album and discover Keys "as she is."

And what she is is a powerhouse vocalist, songwriter and pianist with a knack for ballads about strong females.

The first hints of this come with the second and third tracks, "Go Ahead" and "Superwoman," which set the stage for the rest of the album's soulful sound, with pianos, horns and catchy beats and hooks.

Ballads clearly remain Keys' strong point on this album. She has a way of drawing out and expressing emotion in a way that is relatable and impressive.

You can just imagine the thousands of young girls and women belting out the empowering lyrics along with Keys.

And that seems to be Keys' aim as she continues to keep her sound and content particularly clean by comparison to other pop counterparts.

And clean content is not the only differentiating feature between Keys and her pop-sing-



ing rivals. One noticeable difference is Keys' obvious talent, which is on full display for this album.

Unlike certain other recent pop princesses whose "talent" is clearly masked by over-production with synthesizers and voice boxes that distort true sound, Keys' voice and talent are front and center.

The first single, "No One," with its catchy chorus and power ballad sound, has been in the Top 10 on the Billboard charts for weeks now and currently sits at position three.

She also just released the second single from the album, "Like You'll Never See Me Again." The single is another ballad which showcases Keys' raw emotion through her vocal exuberance and keyboard skills.

On As I Am, she works with her songwriting partner and boyfriend, Kerry "Krucial" Brothers, to produce lyrics that anvone could relate to about heartbreak, love and standing up for yourself. The album has a decidedly positive message.

The track "Lesson Learned" features a collaboration with John Mayer, whose album she

contributed to in 2006. The song doesn't sound unlike Mayer's typical style, with blues-y guitars and a soulful sound.

Though the album won't present you with many surprises or shocks, it will engage and entertain you if you have any sort of emotion at all.

Keys has stepped it up for this album and really takes her vocals to new levels, channeling Aretha or Mariah in a few of the songs.

She lays her soul on the table singing at the top of your lungs.

Overall, As I Am is solid and consistent. No track slips through the cracks.

Though her previous two studio albums, Songs in A Minor see Keys' progression as an artsoulful sound. Grade: A

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Hilton praised by conservationists for binge-drinking elephant efforts

Bv Wasbir Hussain The Associated Press

GAUHATI, India — With Rwanda off her charity calendar, Paris Hilton has turned her attention to the plight of ... drunken elephants in India.

"The elephants get drunk all the time. It is becoming really dangerous. We need to stop making alcohol available to them," the 26-year-old socialite was quoted as saying by the World Entertainment News Network's Web site.

In the wake of her jail term for an alcohol-related reckless driving case, Hilton is seeking to remake her image from clubhopping party girl to world-traveling do-gooder.

She announced plans to do charity work in Rwanda, but the trip was postponed until next year.

Then opportunity for Hilton's "global elephant campaign" knocked last month when six parched pachyderms broke into a farm in the state of Meghalaya and guzzled farmers' homemade rice beer.

The elephants went on a rampage, then uprooted an electricity pole and were jolted to death.

"There would have been more casualties if the villagers hadn't chased them away. And four elephants died in a similar way three years ago. It is just so sad," Hilton was quoted as saying in last week in Tokyo, where she was judging a beauty contest.

Sangeeta Goswami, head of animal rights group People for Animals, told The Associated Press: "I am indeed happy Hilton has taken note of recent incidents of wild elephants in northeast India going berserk."

"As part of her global elephant campaign, Hilton should, in fact, think of visiting this region literally infested with elephants," Goswami said.

Hilton's publicist couldn't immediately be reached Tuesday to verify her comments.

Another conservationist said elephant alcohol abuse was just a symptom of the real problem. (No, he wasn't talking about celebrities.)

"Elephants appear on human



Associated Press

U.S. socialite Paris Hilton listens to a reporter's question during a news conference promoting FILA clothing at the Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, South Korea, in this file photo from Friday.

settlements...because they have no habitat left due to wanton destruction of forests," said Soumyadeep Dutta, who heads Nature's Beckon, a leading regional conservation group.

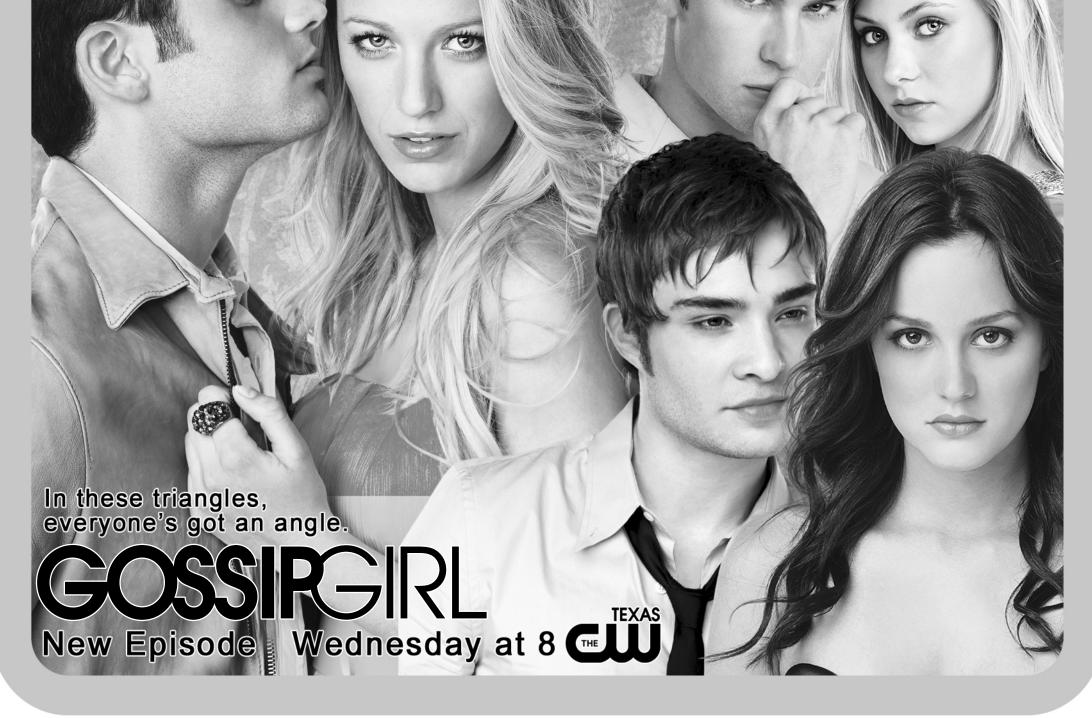
"A celebrity like Hilton must focus her attention on this fact," he said.



as she sings with shaky emotion and strong conviction and takes you on a journey from crying to

She brings it strong to every song and shows us why she is such a powerhouse in the indus-

and The Diary of Alicia Keys, were good and equally personal, As I Am allows the audience to ist and a confident grip on her





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Bush vetoes health, education bill

By Jennifer Loven The Associated Press

NEW ALBANY, Ind. President Bush, escalating his budget battle with Congress, on Tuesday vetoed a spending measure for health and education programs prized by congressional Democrats.

He also signed a big increase in the Pentagon's non-war budget although the White House complained it contained "some unnecessary spending."

The president's action was announced on Air Force One as Bush flew to New Albany, Ind., on the Ohio River across from Louisville, Ky., for a speech criticizing the Democratic-led Congress on its budget priorities.

The White House said the \$606 billion education and health was loaded with 2,000 earmarks — lawmaker-sponsored projects that critics call pork-barrel spending — which Bush wants stripped from the bill

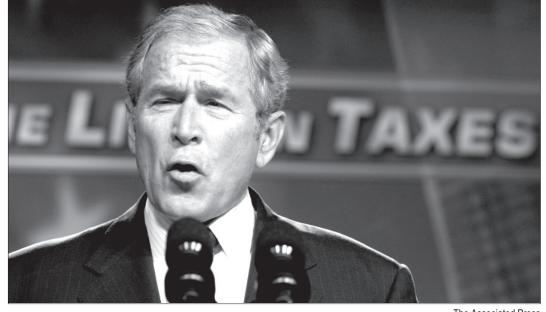
"Some of its wasteful projects include a prison museum, a sailing school taught aboard a catamaran and a Portugeseas-a-second-language program," the president said. "Congress owes the taxpayers much better than this effort."

It was sixth bill vetoed by Bush. Congress has overridden his veto only once, on a politically popular water projects measure.

Bush hammered Democrats for what he called a tax-andspend philosophy:

"The Congress now sitting in Washington holds this philosophy," Bush told an audience of business and community leaders. "The majority was elected on a pledge of fiscal responsibility, but so far it's acting like a teenager with a new credit card.

"This year alone, the leadership in Congress has proposed to spend \$22 billion more than my budget provides," the president said. "Now, some of them claim that's not really much of a difference. The scary part is, they seem to mean it."



The Associated Press

President Bush makes remarks on the budget Tuesday in New Albany, Ind. Bush vetoed a spending measure for health and education programs of importance to congressional Democrats.

More than any other spending bill, the education and health measure defines the differences between Bush and majority Democrats.

The House fell three votes short of winning a veto-proof margin as it sent the measure to Bush.

Rep. David Obey, the Democratic chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, pounced immediately on Bush's veto.

"This is a bipartisan bill supported by over 50 Republicans," Obey said. "There has been virtually no criticism of its contents. It is clear the only reason the president vetoed this bill is pure politics."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Bush "again vetoed a bipartisan and fiscally responsible bill that addresses the priorities of the American people: education for our children, assistance in paying skyrocketing energy costs, veterans' health care, and other urgent health research on cancer and other serious medical problems. At the same time, President Bush and his congressional allies demand hundreds of billions of dollars for the war in Iraq — none of it paid for."

Since winning re-election, Bush has sought to cut the labor, health and education measure below the prior year level. But lawmakers have rejected the cuts.

The budget that Bush presented in February sought almost \$4 billion in cuts to this year's bill.

Democrats responded by adding \$10 billion to Bush's request for the 2008 bill.

Democrats say spending increases for domestic programs are small compared with Bush's pending war request totaling almost \$200 billion.

The measure provides:

—a 20 percent increase over Bush's request for job training programs.

-\$1.4 billion more than Bush's request for health research at the National Institutes of Health, a 5 percent increase.

-\$2.4 billion for heating subsidies for the poor, \$480 million more than Bush requested.

-\$665 million for grants to community action agencies; Bush sought to kill the program outright.

-\$63.6 billion for the Edu-

cation Department, a 5 percent increase over 2007 spending and 8 percent more than Bush sought.

—a \$225 million increase for community health centers.

The \$471 billion defense budget gives the Pentagon a 9 percent, \$40 billion budget increase.

The measure only funds core department operations, omitting Bush's \$196 billion request for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, except for an almost \$12 billion infusion for new troop vehicles that are resistant to roadside bombs.

Much of the increase in the defense bill is devoted to procuring new and expensive weapons systems, including \$6.3 billion for the next-generation F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, \$2.8 billion for the Navy's DD(X) destroyer and \$3.1 billion for the new Virginia-class attack submarine.

Huge procurement costs are driving the Pentagon budget ever upward.

Once war costs are added in, the total defense budget will be significantly higher than during the typical Cold War year, even after adjusting for inflation.

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registry, there are still people who are unable to find matches

"Our goal is that everyone who needs to have a transplant can have one," Mabry said.

"Every cell has tissue antigens," Mabry said.

Mabry said white cells are passed down from parent to child.

"When somebody needs a transplant, they have to get someone whose cells are identical," she said.

This is why race and ethnicity matter, Mabry said, since antigens are passed through families. She said they try to match as closely as possible.

If someone on the registry is contacted, there are two ways to get the cells. One way is through general anesthesia.

The other option is through a peripheral collection taken from the arm, if a donor does not wish go under anesthesia.

Patients foot the bill, so donors need not fear a hefty hospital bill.

The idea for the bone marrow drive came from an e-mail from a friend of Hussain.

Hussain said her friend desperately needed a bone marrow transplant to live and found it difficult to find a viable match.

Hussain and her sorority sisters did a little research and found that finding a bone marrow match is difficult.

Ortiz said he wants people to know how much of a difference one person can make. "You can restore an immune system and give them a second chance," Ortiz said.

Both organizations are multicultural organizations, and Ortiz said he hopes the drive will reach out to the Greek community, as well as the Baylor community.

"We're trying to show that small organizations can do big things," Ortiz said.

Free T-shirts will be given to participants, courtesy of student government.

LECTURE from page 1

mission, a question that has rung loudly in Baylor's ears in recent years.

"Religion and theology are at the core of what we are and what we do," Montag said. "If (keeping religion at the core) is what we really want, that's what we can choose to do. Who wants to do it? You're going to find a lot of people who aren't going to raise their hand when you ask that question, but there are a lot of places that do."

George W. Truett Theological seminary student Chris Moore attended Montag's lecture. He said the radical orthodoxy movement interests him. Like Montag, Moore said, Baylor's own Dr. Ralph Wood argues that religious institutions are guided by the story from which they interprets reality and from that story, move forward.

"I think what (Montag) and what Dr. Wood argue is the only way to truly be a distinctly Christian university," Moore said. "Schools that have forgone that narrative have ultimately lost what they started out to be."

Moore said it is possible to maintain a Christian identity as an institution that forms people into the image of Christ without being unwelcoming to those who differ in belief and thought. Religion graduate student Rick Brumback said if there can exist present-day Jesuit schools which maintain their mission focus while being reputable academic institutions, it must be possible to be both a teaching and a research institution.

"Oftentimes I think the research aspect has driven their goals and their focus more than the teaching and continuity aspects. Pepperdine University is a typical example of one that is considered to have left the continuity aspect and stressed the research aspect," Brumback said. "I think they can both be done, but the guestion is what do you use to measure those things. In a research-driven model it's the formulation of the new, the novel, the innovative. For a university that's identified itself as being a Christian-based religious institution, the teaching aspect, the people aspect, the instructional aspect should not be forgotten."

Stem cell research gains hope from cloned monkey embryos

Oregon scientists cloning claims not yet confirmed

how to do this in people. The success was reported duce stem cells, he said. earlier this year at a scien-

expected to give hints about results were very inefficient, requiring many eggs to pro-

Still, the work shows monkeys can be used to study the potential of embryonic stem cells produced through cloning, Cibelli said. "That's a terrific tool." Cloning is most famous for producing not stem cells but baby animals, such as Dolly the sheep. But while some people may view the new development as a move by scientists on the "slippery slope" toward producing cloned human babies, "we're all opposed to that," Cibelli said. Jim Newman, a spokesman for the Oregon Health & Science University, which operates the primate center where Mitalipov works, declined to confirm whether the scientist had cloned monkey embryos. But he said a study in that area of research will be released soon by the scientific journal Nature. Katie McGoldrick, a Nature spokeswoman in Washington, said she could not discuss papers that may or may not have been submitted for publication. The primate center was in the news for another reason Tuesday. An activist group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said it had documented violations of animal protection laws there. University officials said the primate center has an excellent record for animal care.

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NEW YORK — Scientists in Oregon say they've reached the long-sought goal of cloning monkey embryos and extracting stem cells from them, a potentially major step toward doing the same thing in people.

The research has not been published yet or confirmed by other scientists.

But if true, it offers fresh hope in field that has been marked by frustration and even fraud. The claim of a similar breakthrough with human embryos by a South Korean scientist in 2004 turned out to be false.

The hope is that one day, such a procedure could be used to create transplant tissue that's genetically matched to an ailing patient.

Because stem cells can form all types of tissue, the approach might one day help treat conditions like diabetes and spinal cord injury without fear of rejection by the patient's body

Scientists have tried for years to clone monkey embryos and extract stem cells because monkeys are more closely related to humans than other lab animals are.

So monkey work has been

Shoukhrat Mitalipov of the Oregon National Primate Research Center in Portland. It received limited media attention at the time, but the results were given new attention Tuesday by a London newspaper, The Independent.

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Mitalipov did not immediately respond Tuesday to an interview request from The Associated Press.

But another scientist, Jose Cibelli of Michigan State University, told The AP on Tuesday that he'd heard Mitalipov's presentation at the Australia meeting.

"To me, it's a breakthrough," said Cibelli, who studies cloning and stem cells. The work shows "it is possible."

In cloning to obtain stem cells, DNA from an adult animal is inserted into an unfertilized egg. The egg is grown into an early embryo, from which stem cells are extracted. These stem cells, and the tissue that develops from them, will be a genetic match to the source of the DNA.

The idea of doing this in people is controversial because the embryos have to be destroyed to obtain the stem cells.

Despite the monkey success, "we're still far off to start dreaming about translating this technique to humans, Cibelli said.

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