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University works to clean up report card

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The university recently received a paltry C- on the Suitable Endowment Institute's College Sustainability Report Card.

But studying almost always improves grades. The University Sustainability Committee, formed this fall, may show the benefits of studying by the time the next report card is released.

"Wouldn't it be great if we could get a B?" Patti Orr, chairwoman of the sustainability committee, said.

The committee took shape after President John Lilley requested that Orr, vice president for Information Technology and dean of libraries, form a group to promote sustainability and green initiatives on campus. The request was made on behalf of the executive council, Orr said.

Orr agreed with a request of her own: that council members ensure the involvement of their departments. The council members readily complied, recommending dependable individuals.

Orr said she wanted every entity within the university involved to gauge opinions of sustainability practices and offer feedback as environmentally healthy practices "touch so many people."

The 20-person committee consists of dining hall personnel, faculty members, students, library staff and a facilities management representative. The varied group guarantees the incorporation of all factions of the university.

The committee has helped to establish cohesiveness between all the university groups taking small steps to be greener. Carl Flynn, committee member and computer support specialist, said the committee has helped in "aligning everyone"

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Spreading Christmas cheer

Kappa Kappa Gamma's ensemble, The Kappa Kickers perform Thursday night at Burleson Quadrangle as part of Kappa Omega Tau's annual Christmas on 5th St.

Leaders join forces to aid community

By Bryant Clark
Reporter

Student leaders from Baylor, McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College are cooperating to make an impact on the Waco community.

With help from the greater Waco chamber of commerce, students at each of the three schools have formed a student leader partnership. The goal of the organization is to build relationships between the schools where they can communicate and tackle community area projects.

The Student Leader Partnership is currently working on holding a leadership day at Baylor for local high school student council leaders.

Allan Marshall, former Baylor external vice president, now works at the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and helped spearhead the project.

"In addition to the leadership day camp, we're hoping we can have some local high school students mentor with our student leaders," Marshall said. "Some of them will go to Baylor students and some of them are going to go to the other schools."

One of Marshall's long-term goals for the Student Leader Partnership is to create a larger conversation for all three college student bodies — possibly a higher education advocacy group.

Brian Fonville, external vice president, said the first meeting of the Student Leader Partnership was in October. Since then they've planned the day camp and a spring coffee for its leaders.

Still, the main goal of the Student Leader Partnership is simple.

"We need more communication between the three schools, and with this, we hope to create a comprehensive approach to bridging the gap between our schools and the community," Fonville said.

Fonville added that the Student Leader Partnership felt there was a great opportunity to impact local high school students and help them become better leaders.

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Lilley says he's optimistic about football team's future

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

President John Lilley opened Thursday's Student Senate meeting by answering questions from students about topics including the future of the football team, diversity awareness on campus and student involvement in the Waco community.

While Lilley couldn't com-

ment about administrative dealings with Mike Singletary, he did say that he believed the best person has been picked for the coaching job. Because University of Houston coach Art Briles is well-known and has shown increasing progress throughout his career, Lilley said he is optimistic about the future of the football team. In his opinion, recruiting will be strong and

Briles has the potential to lead the team to a championship.

Lilley addressed the issue of diversity on campus, particularly among the faculty. Administration is seeking, through standard hiring processes, to have candidate pools that include as many diverse groups of people as possible, he said.

Lilley said a key component to diversity on college cam-

pus is to encourage minority students who are prominent in a field of study to go on to get Ph.D.s in their respective fields.

He closed by challenging students to take advantage of what is happening not only in the Waco community, but on campus by going out to support fellow students, particularly in the music and theater departments.

In other business, Student

Senate unanimously passed a support resolution stating that bus shelters be built at all bus stops to protect students from undesirable weather conditions while waiting for buses.

The resolution will be sent to the vice president of finance and administration, the vice president of student life and Waco Transit.

Senate also passed a sup-

port resolution recommending that Campus Living and Learning install ice machines in the residential communities in each hall's lobby, because the average refrigerator size in dorm rooms is not large enough.

It would also keep injured students from having to walk to a cafeteria or to the McLane Student Life Center's Health Center to get ice.

Barber clips his way into customers' hearts

By Hayley Frank
Reporter

Stop inside the Baylor barbershop for a haircut, and you just might come out with a friend in Ervin Davis.

Born in Pearl, Davis began his barber career in 1949 at Austin Barber College. From there, he began working at the barbershop at James Connally Air Force Base in Waco.

Five years later, Davis began serving customers at Baylor in the Bill Daniel Student Union Center.

"I came to Baylor in 1955," Davis said. "That was 53 years ago, and I'm still here."

Davis explained what inspired him to go into this particular line of work.

"I used to shave my daddy's neck with a straight razor when I was 12 years old," he said. "I was just fascinated with that straight razor. That's



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San Louis, Mexico, graduate student Jorge Toranzo sits in Ervin Davis' chair Thursday to get his hair cut in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

when I thought I'd like to be a barber someday."

Davis said the most rewarding aspect of his work was undoubtedly his customers.

"I have a great bunch of customers, and I enjoy them so much," he said. "I have very good relations with all of them."

And just as Davis appreciates his customers, they too appreciate his ser-

vices.

"I have been going to Mr. Davis for my haircuts since I was 3 years old," said Chip Townsend, a loyal customer from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "When I come down to visit my mother on vacation, I always go and get a haircut from him."

Townsend said it's not only Davis'

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Baylor students help make holiday celebration happen

By Christine Bolanos
Reporter

While the majority of Baylor students are busy completing their last class projects and assignments of the year, about 30 have volunteered their time to help set up the Arthritis Foundation's Jingle Bell Run that's set to begin at 5 p.m., as part of Keep Waco Beautiful's 27th annual Holiday on the Square Saturday.

Rachel Martinez, special events director of the Arthritis Foundation Waco Chapter, said this is the 18th year the Arthritis Foundation has partnered with Keep Waco Beautiful for Holiday on the Square. "(Baylor University Medical Ethics Discussion Society) and Baylor's track team are helping us set up the Jingle Bell Run this year and I'm happy about that. A portion of the money we raise is used for locally for educational purposes," Martinez said. "We (the Arthritis Foundation) raised about \$22 million last year nationally, that went toward finding a cure research," she said.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. and

some runners will be in holiday costume.

Sherry Street, executive director of Keep Waco Beautiful, said she has seen Holiday on the Square grow through the 11 years she has been working with the organization.

"I wanted to expand it (Holiday on the Square) and so we decided to get more community service and non-profit organizations involved," Street said. "This event is really about the community and by having organizations such as The American G.I., things such as college scholarships can be made available. That's what this is all about."

Street said the community should expect businesses such as Starbucks and the Waco Art Center at the event and non-profit organizations to offer food and drinks, while Downtown Merchant's Association will light up the street with shop lights and family activities. Local country singer, Kimberly Kelly, is set to perform at the event.

Waco JayCees is holding its 55th annual Christmas Parade at 6:30 p.m.

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AIDS advocates taking Congress to cleaners

By Christopher Stone
Reporter

World AIDS Day is Saturday, but the Baylor Student Global AIDS Campaign is holding several events today, expecting student participation to be greater than on a weekend.

Planned events include a documentary viewing at 6 p.m. in the Cub of the Bill Daniel Student Center, a candlelight vigil at the SUB Bowl immediately following the film and a congressional advocacy campaign.

"We will have a speaker from the Red Door Project, Charley Garrison," said Irving senior Carmen Jimenez.

Jimenez, the campaign's chapter leader, said speakers like Garrison are invited each year to share how AIDS has affected them. Garrison's Red Door Project is a food pantry that serves McLennan County's nearly 400 HIV positive individuals.

The advocacy campaign will involve writing messages on socks as opposed to postcards, urging renewal of President Bush's 2003 AIDS initiative PEPFAR, President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. The campaign, which is happening at Student Global AIDS Campaign chapters around the nation, will also urge

Congress to expand upon funding provided by the initiative.

"Education is so important when it comes to AIDS," Edmond, Okla., junior Lela Berry said. "People need to know what's going on. PEPFAR doesn't allow for enough money."

Berry, World AIDS Day chairwoman, said Bush's current initiatives are a good first step but won't get the job done. In 2003, the plan called for \$15 billion for prevention and treatment programs, but according to the AIDS campaign Web site, only \$815 million has reached people affected by the disease.

In addition to increased funding, Student Global AIDS Campaign chapters around the nation asked Congress to eliminate stipulations that money only goes to abstinence-only prevention programs. However, Fredricksburg senior Alan Kramer said the Baylor chapter will not advocate these changes, largely due to the university's policies.

"In talking with people in the administration, they won't really tell us we can't promote that abstinence-only isn't the only way, but we're highly discouraged," Kramer said.

Kramer also said no money from Baylor's chapter is paid to the national organization, so stu-

dents don't need to worry about inadvertently supporting campaigns they don't agree with.

Another issue the organization is addressing this year concerning Bush's initiative is the need for health workers in places hard hit by AIDS like Africa.

"The biggest problem we face (is) people care, but they're not willing to do anything," Berry said.

Jimenez said the socks represent airing out the dirty laundry, cleaning up the plan's shortcomings and improving it.

Berry said writing a message on a sock seems insignificant, but if enough people send the same message, it can make a difference.

"One person's voice is small, but a lot of people's one voice adds up," she said.

Baylor's chapter is asking students to wear red T-shirts from October's AIDS walk to get people talking about the events.

World AIDS Day has been observed Dec. 1 each year since its inception in 1988. The event is currently spearheaded by World AIDS Campaign. Among this year's globally planned events is a candlelight vigil similar to Baylor's, which will travel around the globe from time zone to time zone for 24 hours.



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Not exactly carolling

Houston freshman Chris Son and San Antonio freshman Caera Thornton were called on stage during the Annie Moses Band to sing a rendition of "Let It Snow" during the Christmas on 5th Street Concert Thursday.

BEAR BRIEFS

A memorial service for Houston sophomore Kate Bronstein will be held at 3 p.m. today in the McCall Chapel located in the Stacy Riddle Forum. Bronstein died Nov. 14 from injuries in an automobile accident on Nov. 9.

Stomp Fest 2008 registration forms are available at the Campus Programs Center in the Bill Daniel Student Center and are due Monday. For information, contact Molly Borgmeyer at 710-4994.

The Art Center of Waco will hold its annual Christmas fundraiser, Cool Yule, a Holiday Ornament Bash, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be food, entertainment, a "not-so-silent" auction, door prizes and a chance to paint your own ornament. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For information, call 752-4371.

The freshman class will hold a clothing drive Jan. 14 to 28 for the Salvation Army. Drop off new or used clothing in the boxes in any of the residence halls or the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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

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Baylor artist unearths pieces in unlikely places

By Rea Corbin
Reporter

His walls are covered in figure drawings. His office is bursting with art slides and books. His paintings hang in Moody Memorial Library and now his artwork will depict a new discovery in Waco.

Since 1989, Karl Umlauf has been the artist-in-residence at Baylor. He teaches classes two days a week and receives grants to work on his art.

"The university has been good to me in regards to grants I've received," Umlauf said.

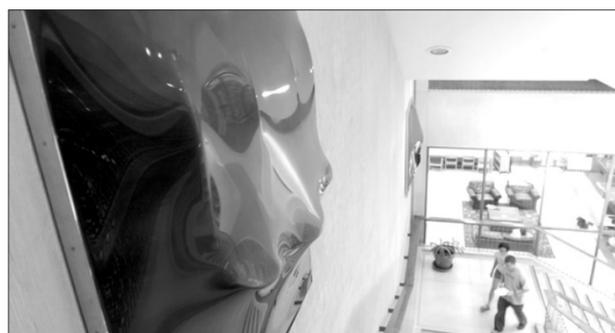
The grants allow Umlauf to travel for research, from cathedrals in Europe to burial sites and salvage yards throughout the United States.

Locally, he has had the opportunity to visit the mammoth excavation site in Waco.

With the help of Shane Prochnow, a research scientist in the geology department, Umlauf also has been able to see seismographic geophysical substrata images of earth.

These images look beneath the surface of the earth, the same areas that is the subject of some of Umlauf's work.

"Earlier this semester, Karl approached us about getting some inspiration about geology



File Photo

One of Karl Umlauf's unique art pieces hangs in the busy main staircase of Moody Memorial Library.

and art, and about art from geological data," Prochnow said.

Prochnow and Umlauf looked at geological data together, including seismic and Geographical Information Systems data, which gives computer mapping as virtual landscapes.

Rather than pure data, Prochnow said, Umlauf saw texture that "could generate emotion in someone."

From pictures of rock outcrops, Umlauf made a drawing that Prochnow said could have been anything from a microscope slide to an image from space.

"It bends the rules in our realm," Prochnow said.

Umlauf said he's worked with

landscapes off and on his whole career, "not just pretty landscapes, but focusing on structure."

He has also changed the materials and subjects he uses throughout his career, since his focus on landscapes at Cornell University in 1963.

He has worked with many media, from plexiglass to fiberglass, paper to plastic.

As he made the transition into mythical symbols, with supplies such as bones and steel, Umlauf started to look at burial sites from tragedies in history.

One event he said interests him is the Trail of Tears, which occurred when the United States government forced Native Amer-

icans to relocate, and ultimately resulted in many deaths.

"We need to remember these things in art and history," Umlauf said.

Part of being an artist, Umlauf said, is trying to bring awareness to these tragedies in a way other media can't.

Umlauf's work involves many hours in his studio, with the help of student assistants.

His assistants help by preparing for exhibitions, putting works of art in crates to be shipped, preparing canvases on frames and many other duties.

Easing the smaller chores, the assistants allow Umlauf to focus on the creative parts of his work.

"When they take the job, they understand it's hard, it's laborious," Umlauf said. "But they enjoy it."

He said the work "is sort of like an apprenticeship, from a student position to a semi-professional position."

Dallas senior Rose Julian is one of Umlauf's assistants. Before he asked her to be his assistant, she knew him through art classes.

Julian said Umlauf helps to deal with the interpersonal side of art. She said she also gets to see basic compositional and color issues, and trends in art.

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Bears approach biggest test of young season

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Since head coach Scott Drew started at Baylor five years ago, he can't remember a bigger game than the 8 p.m. contest at the Ferrell Center against No. 6 Washington State University.

The trick will be living up to the hype and delivering the team's first victory over a ranked opponent in its last 28 tries.

"Now we have a chance to play a ranked opponent and see how we stack up against the nation's tops," Drew said. "At the same time, I think it's a great match-up because both teams have a lot of similarities."

For the most part, those similarities begin and end at the guard position. If any team on Baylor's schedule can match its impressive host of talent at guard, it's Washington State. Between the tandem of Derrick Low and Kyle Weaver, the Cougars boast one of the most dangerous defensive combos in the nation.

When you talk to teams about

locking down a "go-to" player, Weaver will more often than not fit that category.

Last season he finished second in the conference in assists, third in steals, fourth in assist to turnover ratio (1.69) sixth in blocked shots and 16th in rebounding.

But Baylor is growing a go-to threat of its own. Junior Curtis Jerrells took home the Paradise Jam Tournament MVP award last weekend for his efforts in guiding the Bears to their first non-conference tournament win outside of Waco since 1971.

After drilling a well-guarded 3-point jump shot from far beyond NBA range to lock up the tournament in the waning moments of the championship game against Winthrop University, Jerrells nailed shut an invisible coffin as he backpedaled to play defense.

He'd be all too happy to do the same on his home court in perhaps the biggest game of his college career.

"He loves to take those big shots. It's always fun to watch



File photo

Junior guard Curtis Jerrells drives the baseline in a Nov. 13 win over Jackson State. Jerrells is enjoying a break-out season, leading the team in points per game (14), minutes per game (30) and 3-point percentage (.483).

him play because he's going to show you something different every night," sophomore guard Tweety Carter said. "It's just fun to watch him do anything out

there." Above all, Jerrells said the team is approaching this game as an opportunity to nationally showcase the first 5-0 Baylor

squad in six years. "We've had a good team the last couple years, we just haven't been winning," Jerrells said. "We feel like we've got to prove ourselves to people. It's a ranked team coming in here and we're ready."

The last time the Bears hosted a non-conference opponent this highly ranked was the University of Arizona in 1997. The Wildcats won that game by 15 points.

While Baylor fans filled out the Ferrell Center that day to make up the largest non-conference crowd in arena history, it was still 2,000 seats short of a sell-out.

In conjunction with Baylor Athletic Marketing, Drew and several players have sent out e-mails this week to both alumni and students to encourage all to attend the game in an attempt to shatter that record.

The e-mails emphasized what Drew has been telling his players all week — the magnitude of a win tonight would resonate long into a tough conference

schedule. "Nationally it would do a lot for our program," Drew said. "Across the nation people would know that Baylor has a very good basketball team. The way to do that is to beat ranked teams."

Washington State completed a meteoric rise last season, exchanging a 4-12 Pac-10 record in 2005 for a second-place finish last season in head coach Tony Bennett's second year.

It matched the program's best finish ever, and its first-round win over Oral Roberts University was the program's first NCAA Tournament victory in 24 years.

Despite a lackluster basketball history that rivals Baylor's, the Cougars are no longer a team to be trifled with.

Predictions abound with Washington State finishing at the top of a very tough Pac-10 conference, and the question Baylor must answer is looming — can the team finally take that last step and beat a top-10 opponent?

Only time will tell, and that time is almost here.

Former Baylor coach takes DIII program to new heights

By Garrett Turner
Reporter

Just 44 miles southwest on Interstate 35 you can find a college where football's impact, according to the University of Mary-Hardin Baylor's Vice President for Athletics Ben Shipp, has "bonded students together in a way no other activity can."

Football, an important fabric in the quilt of American sports, was just an aching desire for UMHB nine years ago.

"When you have never had a football team, the choice to play football is a monumental and difficult decision," Shipp said. "We saw the research and what football had done for other schools and we just made a leap of faith. It has been great for our campus."

Currently, it's a reality that has given the students of UMHB something they never had before, Shipp said.

"It has given the school unity and spirit," Shipp said. "School spirit is merely the external display of the pride one has in their school and it is obvious at UMHB."

The challenges Fredenburg faces are apparent but for him they aren't any different than when he coached at Baylor. Though there is one difference for Fredenburg.

"The biggest difference between Division I and Division III is the music and sounds I heard on the field, like the bands and huge crowds," Fredenburg said. "I miss it."

In 2004, when the UMHB Crusaders went to the Stagg Bowl, the Division III National

Championship, students packed up and traveled all the way to Salem, Va. to see the game.

"It's amazing to see the way the student body has rallied around the program," sports information director Jon Wallin said. "To see them make that kind of commitment is very satisfying for the team."

Baylor's former defensive coordinator and assistant head coach Pete Fredenburg made the escalating school spirit possible. Fredenburg started the program in 1998 and just four years later took them to its first playoff appearance.

Since then, the program has experienced nothing but success with a National Championship appearance and four consecutive American Southwest Conference championships.

"Coach Fredenburg is a solid leader, a solid man and a very good football coach," Shipp said. "We were fortunate to hire him."

"He's done a wonderful job of setting goals for the program, hiring a good staff and recruiting talented players."

Fredenburg has brought a tradition of success to the programs. In fact, the UMHB Crusaders are seeking to go deep in the 2007 playoffs.

Their first two playoff games haven't been close at all, as the Crusaders have outscored their opponents 116-23.

High scoring isn't unfamiliar territory for the Crusaders. They averaged 58 points per game in the regular season and scorch opponents with their dangerous running back duo, senior Jarvis Thrasher and sophomore Quincy Daniels.

Thrasher and Daniels have broken numerous records, including the All-Division record for single game rushing yardage by two teammates and the Division III single season record for rushing yardage by two teammates.

The one-two punch of Thrasher and Daniels plays in to Fredenburg's game.

"Philosophically, we've decided to be a physical football on both sides of the ball and in order to do that we have to spend time developing a mentality of a tough hard nosed team that blocks and runs the ball," Fredenburg said. "There's nothing more important to us than having a successful running game."

With the running game being a critical part of the Crusaders' success, the quarterback and defensive positions can't be overlooked.

As the starting quarterback for the Crusaders, it's important for John Welch to do his part for the team to win, Fredenburg said. His rushing philosophy stretches to the quarterback as it utilizes the position in the running game as well, so Welch's position is key in more ways than one.

"It's important for everyone to run the ball," Fredenburg said. "The quarterback and fullback are important parts of our team's rushing attack also."

For Welch, becoming a Crusader was a good fit.

"I turned down the chance to play at larger schools because UMHB was such a good fit and could help me accomplish what I wanted to accomplish," Welch

said. "I have the best opportunity to win games and compete for a national title at UMHB."

The team's seemingly abundant talent stretches to nearly every position. Welch said there were several players who could have gone to better programs but chose to come to UMHB to play for a winning team.

"There aren't many players in any program that have played four years and earned four rings like we have here," Welch said. "That's a compliment to the talent on hand."

The talent is by no means weak for Division III football. According to Fredenburg, there are NFL scouts currently looking at some of his players.

Surprisingly, recruiting that kind of talent for a Division III program isn't such a huge challenge for Fredenburg.

"We isolate guys that we think can help us win and be success-

ful in our university," Fredenburg said. "We go out and try to show them we have a program that will be academically and athletically beneficial."

In a state where football reigns supreme, it can be easy to lose focus on the purpose for football in a college setting, which is to "provide a more-well rounded approach to student life" Shipp said.

Division III football and Division I football have many differences. The athletes at UMHB don't receive any extra financial benefit.

Scholarships are given for academic excellence and financial need and for no other purposes. So where does football fit into UMHB?

"The university is all about giving a quality education to the students who come here," Fredenburg said. "We're dedicated to giving them the best educa-

tion possible and football helps us do that."

Fredenburg realizes football isn't the highest priority for UMHB right now. For example, UMHB plays its home games five miles from campus at the Belton High School stadium.

"We have a priority of needs at the university and since we have a nice stadium nearby, it's down the list to get a good one," Fredenburg said. "Ultimately we would like to have a stadium, but there are bigger needs for our students."

From 1998 to 2007, a lot has changed for Fredenburg, but it's still as rewarding as it was nine years ago.

"Our program has come light years from 1998 when we won only three games," Fredenburg said. "We are now surrounded by some incredible youngsters that are held by an incredible vision."

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BU faculty member stars as 'Man Who Came To Dinner'



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Members of the cast of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* rehearse Thursday at the Waco Civic Theatre.

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

The Man Who Came to Dinner will arrive just in the time for the Christmas season. The Waco Civic Theater will present this holiday comedy beginning tonight about an uninvited guest and the trouble he causes.

Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. until December 9.

The play is an American classic and part of the theater tradition, said director Susan Anderson. *The Man Who Came to Dinner* was originally written in 1935, but has been updated to 1955.

"It has a lot of comedy about the 50s in it," she said. "It's really a tale of two families."

Anderson said it all comes down to the fact that all families are the same.

Every family winds up loving and supporting each other, she said.

"The way people feel about each

other is what makes a family," she said.

The main character is Sheridan Whiteside, a famous radio personality who visits an Ohio town on a radio tour then slips on some ice in front of the Culter family's home. He is then forced to be a "guest" for the holidays.

"He and all of his friends invade the home of the 'set in their ways' family," Anderson said. They also bring the family "crazy" gifts, she said.

An additional plot to the play is when Whiteside concocts a plan to break up the romance between Maggie Cutler and Burt, a local newspaper reporter, because he doesn't want lose Maggie from his life.

"It all winds up with a happy ending," Anderson said.

There are 26 cast members and they come from all over the Waco area.

"They bring their love for theater and enthusiasm to the show," Ander-

son said.

David J. White, full-time lecturer in the classics department at Baylor, will play Whiteside. He said he had seen the show before and wanted to do it, although he didn't expect to get the lead role.

"I enjoying doing shows at the civic theater," he said. "It allows me to work with a different group of people."

This is White's sixth performance at the Waco Civic Theatre. His most recent was the play *Amadeus* in October. He also has acted in the Shakespeare productions for three years at the Armstrong Browning Library in the spring.

While preparing for the show, White drew on previous performances of Whiteside he had seen and the 1942 movie of the play. Important preparation was "working with the director and other actors and thinking about how my part fit into the whole play," White said.

With the initial introduction of

his character, Whiteside is a highlight in the play, White said.

Everyone is excited to meet him, and he turns out to be actually be an "irritable and disagreeable" man, he said.

"He takes over their entire house," White said. "He's so well-known and a forceful personality that no one stands up to him."

White said the play will be a nice opportunity for students to get off campus and take a break from finals.

"It's not very intellectually deep, but it's a lot of fun to do," he said.

Jennie Mitchell, who works the box office at the Waco Civic Theatre, said Wacoans enjoy comedies.

"They're probably more drawn to this (performance) because it's a comedy," Mitchell said.

She said ticket sales are going well and one of the shows is close to selling out. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and can be purchased by calling 776-1591.

Shows go on: Broadway is back after strike

By Verena Dobnik
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Broadway came back to life Thursday as stage-starved fans lined up in the cold for tickets and theaters reopened their doors following a 19-day stagehands strike that took a big toll on the local economy.

The mood was ecstatic all around the theater district. Tourists, actors, stagehands, restaurants, musicians, hot dog vendors — basically anyone remotely affected by Broadway — were all thrilled about the return of musicals and plays.

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity to see a Broadway show. And the price is right," Canadian tourist Susie Biamonte said as she waited for steeply discounted \$26.50 tickets to *Chicago*.

The musical will reopen Thursday with a new cast that included two stars from *The Sopranos*.

The strike inflicted serious harm on Broadway during one of

the best times of the year, when the city is teeming with tourists and Christmas shoppers.

Officials estimated that the city lost about \$38 million during the past 19 days because of the strike.

The end of the walkout meant a scramble for new opening nights for shows that were in previews when the strike hit.

Aaron Sorkin's *The Farnsworth Invention* will now open Dec. 3; *August: Osage County* from Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Dec. 4. *The Seafarer* arrives Dec. 6; and Dec. 9 will be the new opening for a long-lost Mark Twain comedy, *Is He Dead?*

Disney's *The Little Mermaid* has already announced it would push back its scheduled Dec. 6 opening — with a new date set for Jan. 10.

And a revival of Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming*, which had been set to start previews the day after Thanksgiving, will now premiere Dec. 16.

Popular musicals such as *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys*, *Mamma Mia!*

and *The Lion King* were among the more than two dozen shows that were shut down during the lucrative Thanksgiving holiday week.

These big hits regularly gross more than \$1 million each week during this time of year.

Most plays and musicals that were shut during the walkout were expected to be up and running Thursday evening, even if the cast and crew were a little rusty after a nearly three-week layoff.

Chicago held a last-minute afternoon rehearsal to work out some kinks before going back on with a new cast that included *Sopranos* actors Aida Turturo and Vincent Pastore.

By midday Thursday, the show was sold out and its discount ticket offer was extended to the Sunday matinee.

Michael Van Praagh, a stagehand for 34 years, said the settlement was a sign "that we're finally getting the respect we deserve on Broadway."

He flashed a big smile as he looked across West 45th Street

at the Imperial Theatre, where actor Jeff Perry was even more relieved the strike was over.

Perry would finally appear in *August: Osage County*, the critically acclaimed Tracy Letts play that was to have started previews on Nov. 20.

Perry said the walkout allowed him to spend a lot of "hand-holding" time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday.

But he added: "There was that dead pit of your stomach feeling of, 'Don't tell me this play will never be seen by a wider audience.'"

While most businesses suffered during the strike, the Broadway NY gift shop on the ground floor of the Marriott Hotel registered a little phenomenon: T-shirts for the striking *Wicked* show "almost sold out," said manager Alex Dudgeon.

"People said, 'Well, we can't see the show, but at least we'll have this.'"

But now that shows will go on, tourists may have more to take away than just a T-shirt.



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Thousands of Iraqis who backed war excluded from process for resettling in U.S.

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of Iraqis whose support for the U.S. war effort in Iraq has put them and their families in grave danger at home are being excluded from a new fast-track system aimed at speeding up refugee resettlement in the United States for American allies, officials said Thursday.

The Bush administration within the next month will begin accepting refugee appli-

cations directly from the about 100 Iraqi employees of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and their relatives, letting them bypass an often-lengthy U.N. referral process in third countries where they must travel at great expense, they said.

But possibly tens of thousands more at-risk Iraqis — those who worked for private contractors, aid agencies or media outlets and their relatives — won't be eligible due to objections from the Homeland Security Department, which fears that terrorists might use it to slip into the country, the

officials said.

Homeland Security is effectively blocking contract employees, like drivers, translators, technicians, from benefiting from the initiative by insisting they provide official U.S. references and sponsors before applying for resettlement, a more stringent standard than for direct hires and even those in the U.N. system, according to the officials.

Meeting that higher bar will be almost impossible for many whose work for private U.S. employers in Iraq ended months or years ago, the offi-

cials said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations between Homeland Security, which must vet all would-be Iraqi refugees, and the State Department, which wants to widen resettlement opportunities for Iraqi refugees.

The two agencies have been unable to reach a compromise and the issue has been referred to the National Security Council, although the matter may be resolved before that happens through legislation pending in Congress.

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Townsend said it's not only Davis' barbershop expertise that he values, but also his friendly personality.

"You couldn't find a better friend," Townsend said. "He is the nicest person you'll ever meet. He will do anything for you. He even cuts my hair while he's in Florida on vacation."

Townsend said after years of faithful service, he now considers Davis a close family friend. Waco resident Bob Williams is another long-time customer of Davis'.

Davis since the summer of 1960 when I was an incoming freshman," Williams said.

Williams said Davis always does a quality job during his monthly visits to the barbershop.

"Mr. Davis is a person of the highest integrity and character," he said. "He is a very good and interesting man."

Davis said one of his most fulfilling accomplishments is the generational service he provides.

"I've got three different families that I've done for four generations straight," he said.

While Davis has faithful

patrons from years ago, he still acquires new customers as well.

"I have been going to Mr. Davis for about three or four years," said Waco resident Wilton Lanning, founding president of the Dr Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute. "He is extraordinary with a wry sense of humor. I say he's like Judge Baylor; he's kind of an institution."

A "class act" and the "epitome of a gentleman" are other phrases Lanning used to describe his barber. Lanning even takes a friend who is no longer able to drive to get

a haircut but said his friend would "even get a taxi to come see Mr. Davis."

Lanning said the barbershop has always been there, and it's become a social experience for him and his friends.

"It's not just a haircut," he said. "It's a visit with a good friend."

Davis has worked part time for the past 16 years and comes into the barbershop on Fridays and Saturdays.

Davis enjoys spending his free time with his five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren but said he still takes pleasure in working at Baylor.

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"We decided we really want to get involved in local high schools. We're hoping to have our leadership camp day in late January and bring all the high schools together," Fonville said. "From there, we can mentor young student leaders."

Liz Foreman is a sophomore senator from Beaumont and a member of the Student Leader Partnership. She said it's imperative for leadership to be encouraged at a young age.

"Leadership isn't necessarily innate and it's not easy. It's something that's best developed over time," Foreman said. "When leadership is fostered at an early age, it is much more effective in influencing their peers in a

positive way. This way it has to be practiced, and learned, and implemented."

The Student Leader Partnership wants its members to take a proactive approach and get out of the Baylor Bubble to become community activists. This way, students can become united on issues and circulate among people. The date for the leadership camp is tentatively set for Jan. 26.

"The student leadership partnership is an essential part of the Waco community especially with the ties at Baylor, for the first time we're getting leaders from MCC or TSTC," Foreman said. "We're spread out all over Waco and we can really get our ideas and make them bigger. It's easier to combine our leadership abilities than when you're alone."

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to make small efforts more effective. Becky Tice, committee member and assistant director of university libraries, said the committee aims to get the word out about venues for recycling and the ease of the task.

But even before Orr's call to duty by administrators, she planned on heading up a sustainability committee after hearing interest in the topic from library and information technology employees. She came to Baylor from Wellesley College in the Northeast where green efforts are paramount. Orr admitted to being surprised at the lack of united effort at Baylor to make things green.

The university now has a contract with Sunbrite, a local recycling company. With their help, the committee hopes to increase recycling efforts at Baylor.

The committee's first and very successful initiative was setting up all printers in all campus libraries for duplex printing by default. When someone would bring up the \$3,000 needed to add duplex printing to the printers, Orr would respond, "It's not a problem. We'll make it back (by saving) paper."

Since the start of the fall semester, the libraries have saved 393,680 pages versus the paper use by this date last fall. Just since the adaptation of automatic duplex printing on Sept. 17, the university has saved \$2,830, almost the price of the switch to duplex. In their latest feat, the committee has supplied the libraries with paper made from 30 percent recycled materials. Candy Bradley, committee member and official purchaser of university office supplies, negotiated a contract with OfficeMax for reduced-price recycled paper.

"She was able to get \$39.30 (per case) reduced to \$35.95, which saves us \$3.35 a case," Orr said. These few dollars add up fast when considering all the cases of paper the libraries use. The reduced price is only \$1.65 more per case than normal paper.

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