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Filing taxes for a good cause

Baylor and A.J. Moore Academy team up to aid community

By Victoria Turner
Reporter

This spring, Baylor students are giving back to the Waco community by helping people with their taxes free of charge. On Feb. 4, accounting students began volunteering with a program at A.J. Moore Academy.

various different academies including finance, A.J. Moore junior Josephine Wooten said. When the students enter ninth grade, they decide what academy to join. A.J. Moore has been offering the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program during tax season for the last four years. It provides free aid on tax returns to low-income people.

"It's a great service to the Waco community. They'd be spending quite a bit of money if they had to pay a professional to do this work," Dr. Brett Wilkinson, assistant professor

in accounting, said.

This is the first year Baylor students have participated in the program, he said.

"We wanted to get involved with VITA. We could either set one up ourselves or we could incorporate (ourselves) (in)to another VITA program," Wilkinson said.

Ron Smith, academy of finance chairman at A.J. Moore, directs the program.

"We were the largest volunteer site from either AARP or VITA in the Dallas territory last year," Smith said. "We did more

returns in this location than any other."

Both Baylor students and A.J. Moore students have to go through training to be able to participate in the program. Baylor students take an online training program and a certification exam that is required by the IRS, Wilkinson said.

The A.J. Moore students take a training program as one of their classes during the fall semester. When they are sophomores they don't prepare taxes,

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Mineola graduate student Abby Haston volunteered Tuesday to help locals with their taxes at the A.J. Moore Academy. Haston is getting her masters in taxation.

The good Shepherd

Often uncredited in stats, fan favorite helps lead Bears on, off court

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Enter the Ferrell Center through the main gates between the new basketball practice facility and the ticket office and you're greeted with basketball player banners adorning the concourse rafters.

The banners of juniors Curtis Jerrells, Henry Dugat and Kevin Rogers represent a seminal 2005 recruiting class that makes up three of Baylor's five current starters.

Sophomore guard Tweety Carter's banner symbolizes Baylor's first-ever McDonald's All-American. Mamadou Diene's banner signifies head coach Scott Drew's scholarship 7-footer and one of the most popular and recognizable figures on campus.

But tucked away in the back of the arena near the intersection of University Parks Drive and Route 77 is one banner that hasn't received nearly as much attention.

That banner belongs to 6-foot-9 reserve forward Mark Shepherd.

His stats aren't eye-catching. The senior has never averaged more than 2.4 points per game in a season and he barely averages more than 10 minutes per game for his career. All but the most die-hard basketball fans probably couldn't pick him out of a crowd.

So what's so special about a player like that? "Mark is a coach's dream from the standpoint that he does what he's supposed to do," Drew said. "Off the court he's an excellent student. He's a great teammate and plays hard. So he brings all the intangibles."

When Shepherd walked into the Ferrell Center for the first time in late January of 2004 to pick up his Baylor jersey, Drew didn't know much about him. He knew he was tall and he expected to throw that size — as meager as it might have seemed at the time — up against the best of what the Big 12



Associated Press

Baylor's Mark Shepherd tears down a rebound during the Jan. 19 contest versus the University of Nebraska. The Bears won 72-70. Although not often in the spotlight, Shepherd is an important part of the Bears' bench.

offered.

What Drew couldn't have counted on when Shepherd arrived in near anonymity was that he would serve as a durable caretaker for a Baylor program working its way back from a deadly scandal.

Humble beginnings

Shepherd's college basketball odyssey began at

Texas Tech University, where he walked on to the basketball program in 2003 in an attempt to play for legendary head coach Bob Knight. That path led only to a dead end.

"They basically told me that it wasn't going to happen there," Shepherd said.

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Christian panel asks if war is just

By Stephen Jablonski
Reporter

Amongst empty pizza boxes and Dixie cups, in a room cluttered with chairs from neighboring classrooms, assistant professors for religion Dr. Jonathan Tran and Dr. Paul Martens continue a discussion on Christian pacifism that was scheduled to end ten minutes earlier.

The "Being Christian in a Nation at War ... What Are We to Say?" discussion and presentation Tuesday saw an unexpected turnout as the Heschel Room of the Marrs McLane Science Building was packed full. Chairs were being placed in the last spaces in front of the podium as the discussion's first speaker, Dr. Jon Singletary, began to present his personal experiences with Christian moral philosophy.

Dr. Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies and university professor, began by commenting on the significance of utilizing the Heschel Room, named after Jewish theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel, as the site of conversation concerning pacifism.

"I think Abraham Joshua Heschel would be glad for this conference on Christian attitude on war," Ellis said. "He felt it was imperative for him to speak out against war."

Urrutia introduced the conference as a discussion of issues that are highly contested and that "have been so throughout Christian history."

"We're all here as co-participants in our common struggle to understand what exactly it is God would have us do with respect to war," Urrutia said. "The issue is very ambiguous... What exactly does it mean to be disciples called to make peace?"

The conversation offered audience members to share their concerns, comments and questions in response to the speakers' presentations. One such question concerned the ability to reconcile moral thought in the face of multiple ethical perspectives.

"I think we all have a theological system from which we can obtain different ideas and perspectives on, in which we invite others to respond to," Singletary said. "Hopefully we're always grow-

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Doctor discusses AIDS epidemic

By Lori Cotton
Reporter

Dr. Ray Corrin has been studying the AIDS epidemic for over 20 years, but admits that too much research isn't always in the patient's best interest.

A self-proclaimed "guitaraholic," Corrin, of the World Health Organization in Geneva, spoke Tuesday in the Alexander Reading Room.

His lecture, "Notes from the Plague Ground: Is the HIV Virus Trying to Tell Us Something?"

was centered on the personal side of HIV and his experiences with patients. Corrin has worked with HIV for 25 years as it has evolved in Western countries.

His first observation of the epidemic was that "people will always react badly," he said. When other doctors in the late 1980s first saw AIDS patients, they would send the sick to other hospitals to protect their own well-being, Corrin said. Before working with the out-

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Dr. Ray Corrin of the World Health Organization in Geneva speaks Tuesday about the changes and difficulties the HIV disease has undergone in the last quarter century.

Obama, McCain sweep Potomac primaries Tuesday

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama powered past Hillary Rodham Clinton in the race for Democratic convention delegates Tuesday, scoring outsized primary victories in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia on a night of triumph.

"Tonight we're on our way," he told cheering supporters in Madison, Wis. "But we know how much further we have to go on," Obama added, celebrating eight straight victories over Clinton, the former first lady now struggling in a race she once commanded.

The Associated Press count of delegates showed Obama with 1,186. Clinton had 1,181, falling behind for the first

time since the campaign began. Neither was close to the 2,025 needed to win the nomination.

His victories were by large margins — he was gaining about 75 percent of the vote in the nation's capital and about two-thirds in Virginia.

Republican front-runner John McCain won all three GOP primaries, adding to his insurmountable lead in delegates for the Republican nomination.

"We know where either of their candidates will lead this country, and we dare not let them," he said of the Democrats. "They will paint a picture of the world in which America's mistakes are a greater threat to our security than the malevolent intentions of an enemy that despises us and our ideals."

College music scene home to misplaced snobbery

It was a bitter experience the first time I got snowplowed by musical snobbery.

Bitter, because I was drinking coffee. Snowplowed, because it was winter.

I had run across an old grade-school friend at Starbucks. He and his hulking, silent, out-of-town buddy were both clad in girl pants and had fun, swoopy-bangs haircuts.

I had encountered scene kids. Hooray.

The conversation turned to music pretty fast. Trying to be impressive, I brought up a few bands I knew of the general emovariety.

Mae? Yeah, they were alright. Amberlin? No, too poppy.

Then I brought up a group who added a little screaming to their lyrics. My grade-school friend nodded approval. But the hulking dude piped up.

"Dude, Emery? They totally suck! Their first album was so masterful and stripped down and ... raw! And then they totally went in the studio and got way over-produced on that second album. They sold out. No way."

"But I liked their second album..." I protested.

"Eh. I feel sorry for you," the Hulk said.

He felt sorry for me?! As in, poor townie. He's still weaning himself off of Switchfoot and wearing boot-cut jeans. Too bad he listens to bands people have actually heard of.

A few years later, I'm finding myself on the other side of the fence.

As I type this, I've got a pair of Converse in my closet, skinny pants on my legs, and The Format playing in the background.

Most of the music on my computer sounds like it was made

point of view



BY BEN HUMENIUK

in home studios by people who shop at thrift stores and hate good singing. Stuff you probably haven't heard of.

And God help me, I've almost convinced myself that I like it that way.

That is, until I think about Bono.

Think about it. What was considered good music in the past? For my dad's generation, it was guys like The Beatles. If we could actually remember the '80's, we'd recall the scene being dominated by the likes of U2 or Michael Jackson.

Back in the day, it seems like we all listened to the same thing and it was still good. We still get excited about these guys today.

But what about my generation? We get temporarily stoked about out-of-nowhere acts like The Arctic Monkeys or Vampire Weekend, and then tend to drop them as soon as they get a few spins on something like Grey's Anatomy.

It's fantastic that there's a backlash against gigantic, corporate-made pop. We should probably not like groups like, I dunno, The Pussycat Dolls. It's a good thing to want your art, music included, to push the boundaries and be aesthetically rewarding.

But we just want it to be rewarding for ourselves. In an increasingly fragmented America, only my tastes really matter in the end. That's selfish. That's

foolish. It eventually forces you and I to seek out music that is nothing more than anti-establishment pretentiousness.

Your ears might be burning for some rewarding melody, but instead you have to endure some discordant oboe vs. banjo mash-up about losing your girlfriend to New York City or something.

Then you have to pretend to like it while not telling anyone else about it.

Is it ironic that the way our generation hates the system is actually the system?

I'm not saying that we should all go back and buy tickets to a well-produced corporate act like Hannah Montana. (You'd have to lie about your dad dying in war to get one.)

But I'm just wondering why we can't go back to sharing. The world out there doesn't love

America so much, but they certainly love our music.

Why can't we do the same, especially when our country seems to be in need of a little good unity these days?

Or haven't you been watching the proliferation of presidential candidates battling hard over our collective support?

We need some common cultural icons to celebrate together — preferably ones that can be creative and sound good. And it'd be nice to practice some open eyes and minds until they do show up.

So please don't choose snobbery. I'd feel sorry for you.

But at least I'd know my music doesn't suck like yours does.

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Editorial

Berkeley letter disgraceful

Berkeley, Calif., is a city known for its staunch liberal views and its nationally publicized anti-war sentiments during the Vietnam War.

However, the city's political activism reached an all-time low last week when the Berkeley City Council agreed to send a letter to the Marines stating that its recruiters are "not welcome in our city."

The city council has also been aiding protesters by awarding a free parking permit to Code Pink, an anti-war group that protests outside the Marine recruiting office — the only military recruiting office in Berkeley.

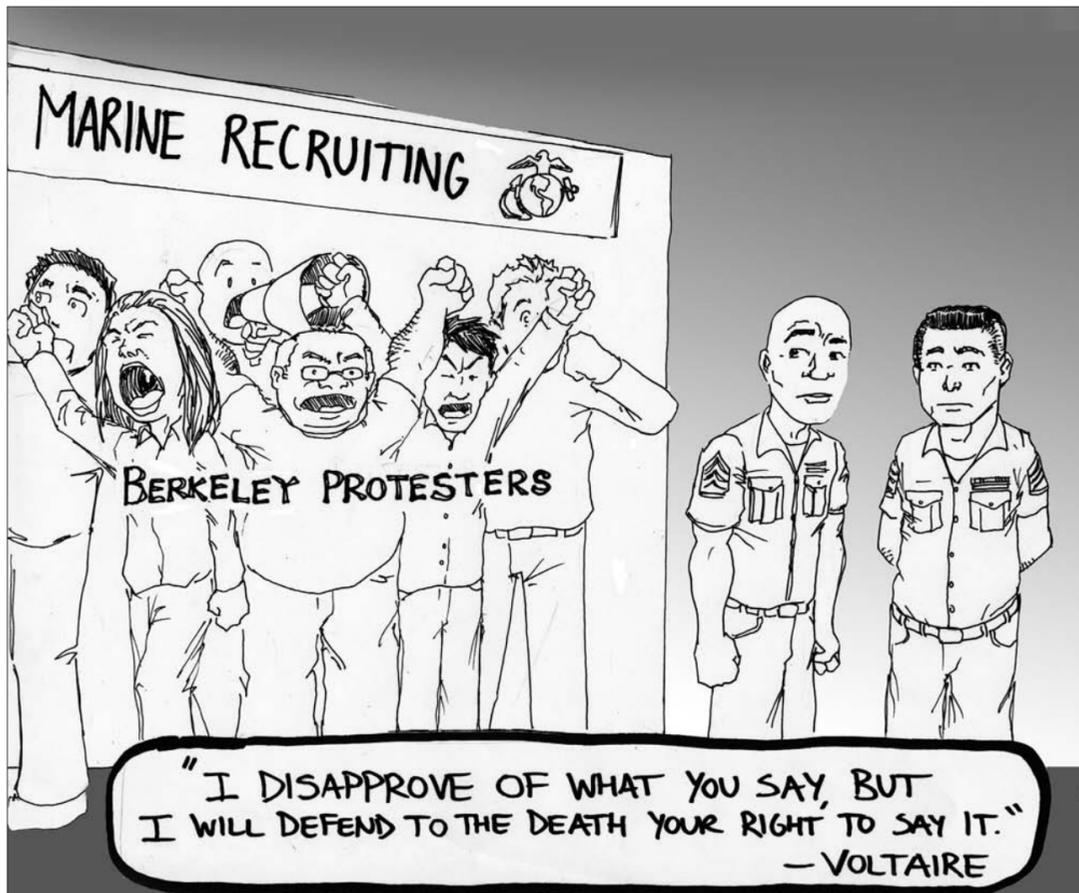
The situation is disgraceful. It shows disrespect toward not only the men and women in service in Iraq but also those serving the United States all over the world.

The protesters condemning recruiters for attracting youth "to go to Iraq to kill and be killed" are sending the wrong message to our troops and our nation.

It is one thing to be against the war, but it is another to be against the military. Those men and women who have signed up faithfully to protect our country have done so at risk to their own lives.

They do not make policy decisions; they just carry them out. And the residents of Berkeley are free-thinking adults fully capable of deciding on their own whether to pledge themselves to carry out those decisions.

If you are unhappy with the war, then talk to the politicians, not the troops. Protesting outside recruiting



stations does nothing constructive, but instead causes problems for both sides of the Iraq War debate.

One of the great tragedies of the Vietnam War was the way returning soldiers were treated by anti-war protesters. Let's not repeat that mistake. Recruiters do nothing but give young people another career choice. It's up to them to decide whether to enlist, and we should support them either way.

There is nothing shameful about a military career, especially at a time like this.

To counteract the city council's aiding and abetting protesters,

Republican lawmakers are introducing bills to strip close to \$5.3 million in federal and state funding from the city.

Though Berkeley has given cause for outrage, pulling funding may not be the best strategy.

After all, the city isn't a moody teenager and the government shouldn't be taking away its allowance for speaking its mind, especially since part of the funding is for school nutrition programs and a public safety program.

Some council members claimed

people were misunderstanding their intentions, and this week they got a chance to clarify their positions.

Tuesday the council held a meeting to consider rescinding its letter, while both pro-military and anti-war groups staged all-day protests outside Berkeley City Hall.

Mayor Tom Bates said he was urging city council members to make a statement clarifying the city's support of U.S. troops despite its opposition to the Iraq War. After drafting a letter calling remaining recruiters "uninvited and unwelcome intruders," that's the least they could do.

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Letters to the editor

Courtside seats for students

After watching the men beat Texas Tech on Wednesday, I have to finally say something about some of our "fans." For the most part, our donors and season ticket holders at basketball games need to show up and be loud or move out of the way to give those midcourt seats to our students.

I cannot figure out why we

stuff our students (our most vocal fans) up in the corners of the Ferrell Center, while we move our quietest and most uninspired fans closer to the court.

This is a basketball game, folks, not a sermon at First Baptist Church Wherever.

For all our talk about how gold shows up better on TV, I have to think no matter what color you wear, nothing shows

up worse on national television than disinterested "fans" sitting on their hands and networking during a basketball game because it's just something to do.

If the donors and season ticket holders really care about Baylor and her success, then I can't imagine them having a problem with this since it would be for the betterment of the university.

The college sports experience has shown to be a major factor in developing a strong bond between the student and their school and contributing greatly to the overall college experience.

Why are we working so hard to get in the way of that experience in the Ferrell Center?

At the very least give the students the midcourt rows behind the scorer's table and the team

benches so they can be seen by the television camera, and move all the donors and season tickets to the other side where they can't be seen.

With the increasing success of both of our teams, we have to start showing up and creating the college basketball atmosphere that comes with a successful basketball program.

Remember, it's OK to be rowdy and loud. The Lord will

not be offended.

Get the students closer to the game because this environment was designed for college students, not donors and alumni. Let the students have the opportunity to impact the game and show their fellow students on the court that they've got their back!

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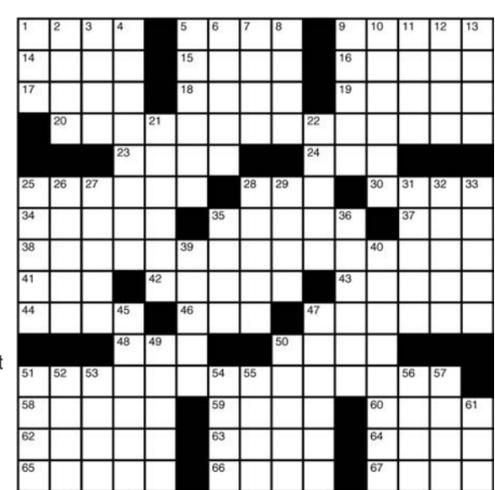
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Student Foundation to raise funds at game

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

The Student Foundation has found yet another way to spin students' love for T-shirts. Baylor Pride shirts will be sold before the men's home basketball game against Texas A&M University on March 5 in an attempt to "Green Out" the Ferrell Special Events Center. The shirts, \$10 each, will possibly raise the number of scholarships Student Foundation is able to award this year, said Dallas senior Justin Stohner, a financial affairs co-chair for the organization. Each \$2000 scholarship is awarded to a Baylor student who

is not a member of the organization. Last year 110 scholarships were given away. The Baylor Pride shirts are "another way to get students involved," Stohner said. It's difficult for students to see their friends have to leave Baylor due to a lack of funding, he said, so this is a way students can help keep that from happening. Applications received for the Student Foundation scholarships reached a record high this year, and there's a lot more need than there is money, Stohner said. "If you haven't noticed, Baylor's endowment is kind of low. It isn't exactly where they want it to be," Stohner said.

But the attempt to increase the number of Student Foundation scholarships has nothing to do with the state of the university's endowment, he said. While the majority of scholarship money for the organization normally comes from alumni donations, a portion also comes from the Bearathon, said Denver, Colo., senior Taylor Williams, co-president for the organization. This year, the money from the Bearathon will go into the organization's endowment, now sitting at \$2.5 million, to help earn interest for future scholarships. The members of Student Foundation are hoping for 500

runners and somewhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the new Bearathon endowment, Williams said. Kansas State University, which originated the idea, made somewhere from \$65,000 to \$68,000 for their "K-State Proud" shirts, Williams said. The Student Foundation steering committee went to a convention at Ohio State University before school started in August to present their ideas to other student foundations and student governments throughout the country, Williams said. There they heard about the K-State Proud shirts Kansas State made for one of their games, putting their money

towards philanthropy work and decided to make it their own, Williams said. "We pretty much stole it from K-State," Stohner said. "We're hoping it'll be a great success for us this year." Chandra Ford, the Troy and Betty Mays director of Student Foundation, said she hopes to get the students, faculty, staff and alumni to have a sense of community and to come together in raising these funds. Williams and Stohner said they'd like to be able to continue Baylor Pride each year, in addition to adding the Bearathon money to their endowment, but the steering committee each year will decide that.

BEAR BRIEFS

Teaching ESL in Thailand for 2008-2009 will be holding informational meetings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. today in Room 311 of Burleson Hall. For more information, contact Kathryn Mueller at 254-710-6235 or Kathryn_Mueller@baylor.edu.

The Magellan Society will be selling cookies and flowers as part of its Valentine's Day fundraiser in the Bill Daniel Student Center from noon to 4 p.m. today and Thursday. Proceeds will benefit the Save Darfur campaign. For more information, contact Youssef_Ybarra@baylor.edu.

The NAACP Baylor youth collegiate chapter will hold its next general meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Houston room on the third floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Kappa Delta is holding KD Games as part of open recruitment at 8 p.m. today in the Kappa Delta Chapter Room in the Stacy Riddle Forum. For more information, contact Laura_Glathar@Baylor.edu.

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Athlete job fair to bring 31 companies

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Staff writer

Student athletes will be given an exclusive opportunity to chat with local and national businesses today. The POSTgame Job Fair will hold its second annual fair in the Stone Room of the Ferrell Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Former basketball player Kevin Henry, now director of Student Athlete Personal Development, created POSTgame job fair to accommodate the student athletes' schedules.

"So much programming is offered during the day," Kevin Nall, assistant director of career services, said. Athletes, however, are usually not able to utilize those services because it conflicts with sports practice, class, or study hall, according to Nall. Also, the fair provides student athletes with the opportunity to practice interviewing in preparation for life after college. "They don't go into games before practicing," Henry said. Students' resumes are compiled into a book and the book is given to companies that participate in the fair. The resume book is also sent out to corporations nationwide the day after the fair. This year's resume book comprises 96 resumes from junior and senior athletes — last year there were 56 resumes.

Most student athletes will be able to attend the fair. Those who cannot include men and women's basketball teams and students studying abroad. Those who are not physically able to attend the fair, however, will have their resumes included in the book. "Companies are seeing a lot of value from student athletes — teamwork, [they're coachable], leadership, work ethic and persistence," Nell stated. Companies are partial to student athletes because of the positive attributes they bring to a job, according to Henry. Some of the businesses planning to attend the fair include the Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets, Navigate Co., Frisco Ruff Riders baseball team, Echo Star Satellite, Community Bank and Trust, L3 and ISP Sports. "Several companies are staying after Hire a Bear," Henry

stated. Companies are interested in filling marketing, public relations and consulting positions as well as internships, according to Nall. "We love to see them stick around," Henry said. Local companies such as Waco Parks and Recreation, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, and American Income Life Insurance are participating in the fair. Also, student athletes have expressed an interest in acquiring off-season jobs, which would need to be in the Waco area, Nell said. Last year, several athletes acquired interviews and office visits to Waco companies. This year, the creator of POSTgame plans on tracking athletes who acquired jobs because of the fair. Over twenty students attended a meeting held on Sunday, where a representative from Bristol-Myers discussed preparation tips for the fair. The speaker, Bryan Torstrick, trained managers at Bristol-Myers to identify hireable applicants through resumes and during interviews. Thirty-one businesses will be attending the fair and about 100 students are projected to attend, smaller in comparison to the Hire a Bear fair also planned for today. "This is not a wide-open fair with 120 companies and 1,000 students blowing through," Nall said.

POSTgame is "conducive to conversation" because it is held in a small environment, according to Nall. Walter Abercrombie, former NFL and Baylor football player, is scheduled to speak to students before they enter the fair. Hamilton graduate student Yancy Boatner is a football player who plans on attending the fair. "Since athletes are under strict demands by their respective sports, it is difficult to perform the 'usual' job hunting that occurs with the rest of the student body," Boatner said. Boatner said he hopes to strengthen his networking for possible future job opportunities, and maybe receive a job offer. Those who have questions about the fair may contact Henry at 710-3834.



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Couples to teach about abstinence

By Belinda Colunga
Reporter

This year on Valentine's Day, students will set a date with God on the subject of sex in the way he intended it, said Duncanville sophomore Bryana Price.

Impact, a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ, will sponsor the event, "How to Have Great Sex: God, Love and Sex" at 6 p.m. Thursday in North Village Community Center, Season's Creamery.

"The main focus is hoping that people will walk away with a better understanding of sex and what God has to say about it," Price said. "Great sex is a benefit when experiencing it in the love of Christ and how He wants it structured."

Married couples will speak about their experience focusing on abstinence.

As a couple married for five years, Ronald and Alexia English will participate as panelists. Ronald is adviser for Academic Support Programs and Alexia is the administrative associate and designated school officer for the Office of International Students and Scholars Services in the

Center for International Education at Baylor.

"One of the benefits of being in a marriage is getting to know someone and allowing that someone to know you in an intimate way," Ronald said. "The benefit of waiting is the fact that you were able to remain faithful to somebody without having to go through that act."

After the speech, the audience will have the opportunity to write their questions anonymously on note cards directed to the couples.

The couple hopes students will walk away knowing it's OK to postpone sex until after marriage. "God has an order for everything. First comes marriage and then comes sex," Alexia said.

Houston senior Nathan Allotey said the event resulted from a survey in a sociology class. While the survey resulted in a high percentage of Christians who wait to have sex, an even higher percentage of Christians don't know why they should wait.

The organization hopes to educate students on a topic popular in today's society and



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Setting for rebound

The Student Foundation gains victory over the Vietnamese Student Association. The game took place yesterday on court No. 1 at 6 p.m. in the McLane Student Life Center.

Season of love poses health risks to students

By Kate Thomas
Reporter

Valentine's Day falls in February, but this month doesn't just start the season of love. It's also flu season.

The Health Center in the McLane Student Life Center has seen an increase in students with influenza symptoms, said Nancy Keating, director of nurses.

"Last year, it was around the same time as well," Keating said.

She said the increase started about two weeks ago.

There are three types of influenza, categorized as types A, B and C, according to www.flufacts.com. While type A is

virulent and has been linked to historical epidemics, types B and C are milder. Type C often mimics the symptoms of the common cold, according to the Web site.

While students may be tempted to bombard themselves with vitamin C and zinc, Keating recommended special attention to hygiene as the primary prevention method against the flu.

"Wash your hands, avoid a lot of crowds and places with lots of people," Keating said. She added that students should "get lots of sleep and eat well to bolster immune systems."

This may pose a challenge for students accustomed to a busy schedule.

"I'm actually getting less sleep because I have so much

homework," Atlanta sophomore Noelle Jacot said.

Keller junior Linh-an Cao said she had to use Nyquil to alleviate her symptoms and help her sleep.

Both Jacot and Cao reported a sore throat and coughing. Jacot also said she had a fever and experienced body aches.

Jacot said many students in her Great Texts class had symptoms similar to hers.

"My entire class is dying," she said.

Keating said she recommends that students experiencing symptoms come to the Health Center for treatment.

"It helps to come during the early onset," Keating said.

Doctors at the clinic can prescribe anti-viral medication

to help, especially if students come when they first experience symptoms.

"Tylenol helps for a fever," Keating said of the over-the-counter pain reliever.

Keating warned that while extremely unlikely to occur, meningitis can mimic flu symptoms.

Both diseases come in both bacterial and viral forms.

With meningitis, "you get sicker real fast," Keating said, and meningitis victims are likely to experience a stiff neck.

The Health Center offers a flu screen, which tests for the flu, and determines if it is type A or B, Keating said.

According to the Baylor Web site, students can get a flu shot for \$20 at the Health Center.

Valentine's Day the Western way

Texas Hall of Fame and Museum to hold Valentine's Day event

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

If you're looking for a romantic night full of Texas pride and delicious delicacies, try heading over to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Thursday night.

The museum will hold its second annual Valentine's Day event, called "Sweets and Sweethearts: A Night of Music, Gourmet Food and Beverages" at 7 p.m.

"It's something fun to do with a date or a group of friends," said Christine Walker, representative for marketing, promotions and development. "We have gourmet chocolates and cheese, and there will be live jazz music."

Common Grounds will provide beverages for the evening. According to Amy Tomlinson, business manager for Common Grounds, the event will feature six different kinds of coffee, including its popular Valentine's drink, Angel's Kiss.

"We're really excited about the event," Tomlinson said. "We're always looking for opportunities to get our name out there and show the Waco community what we have to offer."

For those with a sweet tooth, Wiseman House Chocolates will offer an assortment of sugary treats.

"We'll be informing people about the history of chocolate. It will be a good romantic evening, and we're glad to be a part of it," said Crystal Finch, public relations representative of Wiseman House Chocolates.

For last-minute gift ideas, guests can bid in a silent auction for gift certificates for massages and flowers, tickets to Baylor sporting games and theater events and other donated goods and services in the Waco area.

"Some hotels have donated room stays, so if anyone's par-

ents are coming into town, this is an opportunity to get a good deal on a hotel room," Walker said.

While taking part in the auction and savoring some chocolate, guests are free to tour the different exhibits displayed in the museum.

Some interactive exhibits include a station where people can time themselves putting together and taking apart replica guns from the Midwest. Visitors can also hold a replica Colt pistol used in Western classics.

"They're much heavier than they seem in the movies," Walker said. "There's always a shocked face on people when they try aiming with one."

There are plenty of photo opportunities in the museum, including a stage with costumes and scripts where people can dress up and pretend to be Rangers. Another section displays an array of different rope textures that Rangers used.

The museum opened in 1968 and serves as the only official Texas Ranger museum in the state. Not only does it display memorable pieces from Ranger history, but it also holds official archives.

"The research center has actually been able to help Rangers solve some old cases from records that retired Rangers donated," Walker said.

People also travel to the museum for a look down their own family tree.

"Families will come in sometimes with research requests to find a great grandpa or uncle who they think was a Texas Ranger," Walker said.

With 65,000 visitors last year, the Texas Ranger Museum attracts people worldwide.

According to Walker, there's a popular comic book in Italy about the Texas Rangers, and there are groups in Germany who do Ranger reenactments similar to the Civil War reenactments.

Tickets for "Sweets and Sweethearts" are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the event.

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Lady Bears gear up for UT

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

During Monday's practice, women's basketball head coach Kim Mulkey had "The Eyes of Texas" piping through the speakers, drowning the Ferrell Center in the University of Texas' official fight song.

But as the eighth-year head coach said when she sat down for interviews after practice, it is going to take more than the Longhorns' fight song playing over the Ferrell Center loudspeakers to prepare the No. 8 Lady Bears (21-2, 9-1) for tonight's match-up against the University of Texas at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

During the last match-up between these two in Waco, Angela Tisdale hit a game-winning 3-pointer to help the Lady Bears avoid an upset loss and keep Baylor undefeated on its home court.

But now that they are traveling to Longhorn territory, they know that the momentum from their fans won't necessarily be behind them.

"I thought they played with a lot of energy, effort and enthusiasm," Mulkey said of Texas' earlier performance against the Lady Bears. "They mixed their defenses up and kept us off balance. I don't think it will be any different. I think that they realize that we hit that shot at the end to win it, and they probably feel like we stole one from them."

Before the Saturday Lady Bears game against Texas Tech University, Mulkey challenged her team, specifically her front line, to pick up its level of intensity.

Baylor diligently responded to the command. Posts Danielle



Alex Song/Lariat staff

No. 3 guard Jessica Morrow looks for an opening during the game against the Texas Tech Red Raiders Saturday. The Lady Bears won 68-45. The team goes on to play the Texas Longhorns tonight in Austin.

Wilson, Rachel Allison and Jessica Bradley combined for 39 points and 26 rebounds in a 68-45 victory against the Red Raiders at the Ferrell Center.

But the trio has an even bigger task at hand tonight against the Longhorns. The Longhorns feature eight players on their roster taller than six feet, which was a main reason for the trio's lackluster performance in Baylor's game Jan. 30 against Texas.

Longhorn junior forward Ashley Lindsey, who stands at a towering 6-foot-4, created problems for the Lady Bears in the Jan. 30 game.

Lindsey finished the game with 20 points and 10 rebounds while forward Kathleen Nash finished with seven rebounds in 29 minutes.

And as daunting as Baylor's

game against Texas is tonight, the Lady Bears have an even bigger opponent waiting in the wings — the Paris twins of the University of Oklahoma.

But as Mulkey said, the main goal for the Lady Bears right now is to take one game at a time. If Baylor can finish its last six games of the season playing to its utmost potential, the Lady Bears should be in good position for the Big 12 Tournament. If not, the road ahead will be a long one.

"The main thing now is for six basketball games, you have to give everyone your best shot," Mulkey said. "If you win giving them your best shot then great. If you lose when giving them your best shot you have to acknowledge that the team you played against was better than you."

Bears draw sold-out crowds

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

For the second time in three weeks, the Baylor men's basketball team will play in front of a sold-out crowd.

Saturday's 5 p.m. home match-up with the No. 11 University of Texas Longhorns will be a rematch of the Feb. 2 game in Austin.

John Garrison, assistant athletic director for marketing, said all public tickets were gone by 10 a.m. Monday.

The last home game sell-out, a 77-71 loss to the University of Oklahoma Sooners, didn't sell out until hours prior to tip-off.

"We've never had three crowds of 10,000 in the same season," associate athletic director Nick Joos said. The Washington State University game fell just a few hundred short of a sell-out.

"Certainly, it's the most (students) since I've been here and since Coach Drew has been here," Joos said.

With the sell-out, the marketing department is pushing for a "gold out" by offering Baylor fans free gold T-shirts.

Students and staff don't need to worry — the Baylor ticket

office is holding an allotment of tickets for them as well as Texas High School Coaches Association members, recruits and athletes' guests.

"When we saw that the public sale was going so well, we reserved several additional sections," Garrison said. "We have about 2,700 student tickets available."

Those tickets will be available at 11:30 a.m. Friday but are expected to go quickly.

Three weeks ago, many students got stuck in the wrong lines, wasting time and increasing chances for missing out on tickets.

"We got in line for the box office line and stood there for about an hour and a half," Plano junior Brian Schallenberg said. "Someone told the entire line to stay there because they were forming two lines."

Through miscommunication, that message wasn't relayed to the rest of the ticket office, and Schallenberg along with many others had to wait longer in the cold rain.

In response, Garrison issued this warning to students: "Students need to go into the student entrance, not the box office. We have a number of ID scanners

there. We're anticipating a great turnout."

Even if the Ferrell Center is sold out, there may be a few extra student tickets available.

"We will work with the fire marshal to get as many students in as possible," Joos said. Joos added that students will be accepted into the arena on a standing-room-only basis on the day of the game, he said.

"When the women played Oklahoma State University for the Big 12 (regular season) championship, we let students in for groups of 20-25," Joos said.

But only students will be allowed to enter in that fashion. All other prospective entrants will have to plead with the ticket owners, whether they be Longhorns or Bears.

"There's no way for us to know who bought which ticket," Joos said. According to NCAA rules, the opposition has to receive 25 seats behind their bench as well as the option to buy 75 tickets for their own ticket office.

Fans are encouraged to get to the game early, as Baylor softball's season-opening tournament will be in progress nearby while the game begins, and may affect parking.

NASCAR issues six-race probation

By Chris Jenkins
The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It began with crunched fenders, harsh words and maybe even a punch in the face. But the final result was just a slap on the wrist from NASCAR: a six-race probation for Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch.

Heading into Sunday's Daytona 500, it's beginning to look like NASCAR officials were serious when they said they will cut drivers some slack on their bad behavior this year.

"We're still working into letting the drivers develop and vent in proper ways, but we're giving them some more latitude," NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton

said Tuesday. "We said in the offseason we would do that and I think this is another step to letting you know what we mean."

The punishments to Stewart and Busch stem from a confrontation between the two former series champions, who wrecked in practice last week and then carried it into the NASCAR officials' trailer.

While nobody involved in the incident would confirm that Stewart actually punched Busch during the first of their two meetings with officials, as is widely believed, Pemberton inferred that Busch's penalty was for what happened on the track and Stewart's was for what happened afterward.

"The accident was a racing incident," Pemberton said. "How they conducted themselves after

that, after the accident and coming onto pit road and from there through the rest of the evening is why the penalties were equal."

Equally light, that is.

However, in granting Busch and Stewart some leniency for their dustup, officials also made it known that the term "probation" will mean more this year than it has in the past.

Probation has been a murky issue for NASCAR, as officials haven't necessarily punished a driver more harshly if he misbehaves while on probation. NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said that's going to change.

"We're starting the season by putting them on probation and we're also going to redefine what probation means," Hunter said. "And they clearly understand it."

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Ranked men's tennis to battle No. 40 Stanford

By Joe Holloway
Reporter

The men's tennis team travels to Stanford, Calif., at 3:30 p.m. today to take on the Cardinals in the second annual HP Cup.

The fourth-ranked Bears, 6-0, will have their work cut out for them. Stanford is ranked No. 40 in the nation and is one of the most respected institutions in collegiate tennis.

"They've got the greatest college tennis program in history," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We feel so lucky to have a chance to play them every year."

When the two teams met last year in the first HP Cup, Baylor won 7-0. But this year the Bears will have to win on Stanford's home court.

"We played there my sophomore year," senior Lars Poerschke said. "It's a nice venue, a nice stadium."

This will be the first match

the Bears have played since beating No. 14 Florida 5-2 on Feb. 3, but junior David Galic said the break could work in Baylor's favor.

"The break was too short to really affect us," he said. "It makes us more eager."

Stanford, 2-4, has suffered through several injuries this year but is coming off back-to-back wins at home.

"If all their guys play, they have a very capable team," Knoll said. "We know they're going to be super tough."

Though today is the first time Baylor has met Stanford as a team this year, many of the players are familiar with their opponents, having faced them in the Sherwood Collegiate Cup in January.

No. 10 Denes Lukacs, senior Gwen Corches, and sophomores Attila Bucko and Dominik Mueller all won against Stanford in the first round. Freshman Jordan Rux beat Stanford's Paul Mor-

rissey in the second round of singles play. Bucko and Lukacs also faced Ted Kelly and Blake Muller in the doubles final, winning the championship 9-7.

After Stanford, the Bears travel to Seattle for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Team Indoor Championships.

"We're just going to go straight up to Seattle so we don't have to make two trips out there," Knoll said. "We're actually going to play (Stanford), then race to the airport and take a flight to Seattle that day."

The draw pits them against No. 21 Oklahoma State. If they get past the Cowboys, they will still need to win three more matches to capture the championship.

"We're going to have to win four tough matches if we're going to win," Knoll said. "But, clearly we've got to focus on Stanford first and worry about that stuff further up the road."

ed," said Drew, who didn't have a player over that size at the time. "We needed his help."

Shepherd admitted that he saw the Baylor program in a rebuilding phase and figured he'd get a shot to play, and that's exactly what's happened. After redshirting through the remainder of the 2003-2004 season, Shepherd has been an influential piece of the team's bench effort.

He is second on the team to friend Aaron Bruce in career court appearances and has registered playing time in every game this year. He's only averaging 1.9 points per game this season, but Drew and his staff say that doesn't tell the whole story.

Adapting to the pressure

One reason for Shepherd's increased playing time and across-the-board production this season could be because of a switch in his shot. For the first time in his career, he's shooting with his right hand. After he rolled awkwardly onto his left hand in a game late last year, Shepherd started shooting with his right hand and said it's helped his game immensely.

Drew said it's upped his consistency from the free throw line and Shepherd admitted that it's helped him diversify his game.

"He's one of these ambidextrous guys, and his right hand shot was actually mechanically better," Drew said. "It probably messed up some people on the scouting report from last year."

While Shepherd pales in the flashy stats in comparison to some of the more popular players on the team, the coaching staff has certainly noticed some of his lesser known contributions.

The coaches keep a statistic called the screen assist, which charts when a screening player allows a teammate to find an open shot and score. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Shepherd ranks at or near the top of the list when he's in games.

"He doesn't mind doing all the dirty work, getting on the floor, getting the rebounds," Drew said. "That's a great thing, because with the athletic scorers we have, we need the role players to go along with them, and Mark enjoys doing all those things."

When mixed with his ability

to gel with the rest of the team, Drew said it makes for a more complete player than any statistic will indicate.

"I think because Mark plays so hard and he's such a team guy that he commands the respect from the other players, and they listen to him," Drew said. "He's more silent, but when he speaks, people do listen."

One player Shepherd often spells from the bench is fellow 6-foot-9 forward Rogers, who leads all Baylor post players with 12.3 points per game. While few would argue that Rogers is among the team leaders and arguably the most talented post player, Rogers himself points to Shepherd as a main guiding force in the locker room.

"He's definitely been a big help with him being around," Rogers said. "His advice and experience have helped us all on the front line. When the players are around players in the locker room, he's always cracking jokes."

A world of support

Shepherd isn't the only one sharing in his success. A group of

friends and schoolmates from St. Michael's High School in Austin formed a group called Shepherd's Flock last fall. It's a small cheering section consisting mainly of several members who wear T-shirts with Shepherd's No. 40 on both sides and a flock of sheep crowding the front.

It was formed by a group that started their friendship with Shepherd in middle school, and all of them have kept in close contact with one another.

Spike Games, one of the charter members of Shepherd's Flock, said it was all an effort to shine a light on Shepherd's sometimes overlooked deeds.

"We just wanted to show support for one of the players who doesn't usually get mentioned as much or get as much accolades," Games said. "But he's definitely one of the hardest working guys on the floor. He does a lot of the intangibles, the things they don't really keep stats for. So we wanted to make sure he was getting his deserved respect and support."

The group most recently made the laborious drive Saturday to Lawrence, Kan. to watch the

lanky senior lay down one of his typically workmanlike stat-lines against No. 4 University of Kansas: 12 minutes, no points, two assists, two blocks and a whole lot of hustle plays.

"I don't know, it's pretty funny that I have something like that," Shepherd said.

Shepherd isn't sure about his future. He said if the opportunity arises, he would jump at the chance to play professionally in Europe. Perhaps not wanting to chance it, Shepherd is working toward his Master's of Business Administration and is prepared to use it should the basketball avenue close.

Regardless of where Shepherd's path takes him in the future, Games said that he'll remain the same rooted guy he was back on the basketball courts of Hill Country Middle School.

"Mark is a very personal guy. He's a 6-foot-9 goofball," Games said. "He's definitely got a servant's attitude. He's the kind of person that will always be there for you, keep you accountable and things like that. He's just a good pal."



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Catch me if you can

Keller sophomore Kisten Shortridge tosses a ball during softball practice Tuesday afternoon.

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But Shepherd wasn't yet ready to give up on his college basketball dream. So without any prospects and no recruiting net to fall back on, he used a contact through a local pastor and a few basketball assistants he knew and took a chance on Baylor.

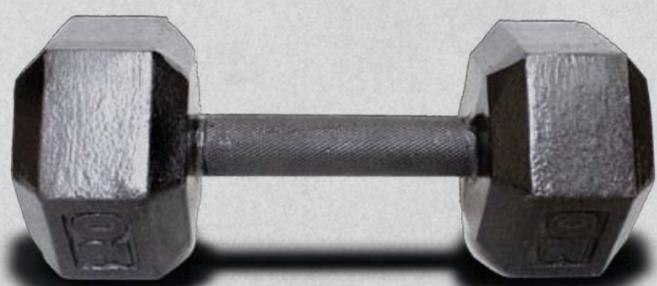
At the time, the program was in its first year of head coach Scott Drew's massive rebuilding project. Shepherd became the team's sixth walk-on when he joined on Jan. 22, 2004. The team had just seven active scholarship players at the time.

Shepherd also entered a program seven months removed from the scandal that marked ground zero for Drew's complete about-face of the roster.

Now Drew is thankful that Tech passed on somebody who has become a ferocious hustle player and a growing fan-favorite.

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Project gives powerful poetry portrayal

Homage paid to Hughes, heritage through multimedia concert

By Amanda Robison
Entertainment editor

The stunning sound of Dr. Ronald McCurdy's trumpet pierced through the air Tuesday night from the back of Roxy Grove Hall as he made his way through the crowd to pay homage to historical American poet Langston Hughes.

SHOWREVIEW

Hughes' voice introduced his own 12-part epic poem, *Ask Your Mama: Twelve Moods for Jazz*, indicating that it should be experienced while hearing the music he heard in his head while penning it. And McCurdy, chairman of jazz studies at the University of Southern California, along with his associates brought Hughes' words (with their own musical interpretation) back to life through The Langston Hughes Project.

The project is a presentation of Hughes' poem as a multimedia concert, with a jazz quartet putting his words and emotion into music while videos and photographs depicting black history and heritage were shown on a screen in the background.

If you've never experienced jazz (or poetry, for that matter), this is surely the way to experience it. Each note echoed with the same amount of emotion with which it was played, and each word was spoken with emphatic conviction. McCurdy recited the poem in its entirety, often pausing to add the jazz elements with his trumpet that the piece called for as Hughes' words spoke of the musicians of the early days of jazz.

"Some colleagues and I just threw it together," McCurdy said of the initial project. "But the response was so positive that we realized, 'Wow, we really have



Alex Song/Lariat staff

The Langston Hughes Project presented the epic-poem *Ask Your Mama: Twelve Moods for Jazz* as a multimedia experience Tuesday in Roxy Grove Hall.

something here."

McCurdy explained that when Hughes composed the 12-part piece, he planned to collaborate with legendary jazz musician Charles Mingus and had even put piano chords on the side of his poetry. Unfortunately, Hughes died before his vision was completed, and that's where the project stepped in.

The 12 parts of the poem were called "moods" — and rightfully so. Each part brought with it a different mood that evoked pure emotion, that was only exaggerated by the perfectly crafted jazz score and the images which accompanied it.

McCurdy said they wanted to present the composition "as Hughes intended."

Hughes' material tended to be "densely written," McCurdy said, and the poem can be difficult to understand for those not familiar with the names and subject matter it covers.

McCurdy had to figure a way to make the content more comprehensible for a younger audience.

With a call to videographer Demani Baker in New York, the project acquired a visual element to form a connection to the spoken word. Photographs were pulled from Africa, the Jim Crow South, Harlem and even South America to help visually depict Hughes' message.

"Hughes was a man of the world and a storyteller," McCurdy said. "He spoke of the condition of life all over the world."

He described the project as a "universal work, that transcends race" and is more about understanding how people co-exist in the world.

And after viewing it, understanding seems to be an understatement. The elements came together so seamlessly, offering the audience an all-encompassing feel of the plight of the black race in the racially segregated America of the early 1960s. The pounds of dynamic drums coincided with Hughes' words of the harsh realities of slavery and would then segue into smooth

jazz that captured the essence of the black musicianship of which Hughes spoke.

The musicians played with an enthusiasm that demanded the audience's attention and captured it outright as the crowd clapped along, with lingering applause until after the musicians had even left the stage.

But it wasn't all serious. In fact, I have good reason to believe that Hughes himself may have coined the joke: "Your mama"; as he quipped, "They asked me if I voted for Nixon, I said ... I voted for your mama."

McCurdy said he hoped the theme of tolerance and the resiliency of the human spirit would resound with audiences and specifically that the images and words would inspire students to learn more about their history.

The Langston Hughes Project will also be presented during both the 10 and 11 a.m. Chapels today. And so if you want to be inspired and thoroughly entertained at the same time, all you have to do is *Ask Your Mama*.

Writer's strike ends, some TV shows to return

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A devastating, three-month walkout that brought the entertainment industry to a standstill ended Tuesday when Hollywood writers voted to lift their union's strike order and return to work Wednesday.

The move allows some TV series to return this spring with a handful of new episodes. It also clears the way for the Academy Awards to be staged on Feb. 24 without the threat of pickets or a boycott by actors that would have dulled the glamour of Hollywood's signature celebration.

"At the end of the day, everybody won. It was a fair deal and

one that the companies can live with, and it recognizes the large contribution that writers have made to the industry," Leslie Moonves, chief executive officer of CBS Corp., told The Associated Press. Moonves was among the media executives who helped broker a deal after negotiations between the guild and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents studios, collapsed in acrimony in December.

Residuals for TV shows and movies distributed online was the most contentious issue in the bitter dispute involving the 12,000-member union and the world's largest media companies and other producers.

Under a tentative contract

approved Sunday by the union's board of directors, writers would get a maximum flat fee of about \$1,200 for streamed programs in the deal's first two years and then get 2 percent of a distributor's gross in year three — a key union demand. Other provisions include increased residual payments for downloaded movies and TV programs.

"These advances now give us a foothold in the digital age," said Patric Verrone, president of the guild's West Coast chapter. "Rather than being shut out of the future of content creation and delivery, writers will lead the way as television migrates to the Internet."

Writers who voted in New York and Beverly Hills were

overwhelmingly in favor of ending the strike: 3,492 voted yes, with only 283 voting to stay off the job. Most writers were happy about the outcome and eager to return to work. Not all shows will get back on the air, though. Networks might not resume production of low-rated programs that have a questionable future.

The walkout stopped work on dozens of TV shows, disrupted movie production and turned the usually star-studded Golden Globes show into a news conference. It also dealt a severe financial blow to a wide range of businesses dependent on work from studios.

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Finding love this V-Day could start with a book

By John Eisen
Contributor

A few years ago, a female relative gave me a book on marriage and relationships. I was initially skeptical, and put the book on my shelf at home, wondering when or if I'd ever get to it.

BOOKREVIEW

Honestly, what made me skeptical was the cheesy title: *Finding the Love of Your Life*, by Dr. Neal Clark Warren, founder of eHarmony, the popular online dating Web site.

Look the book up on Amazon, and you'll find that the cover is even cheesier. But the book was eye-opening.

Later, during one break when I had nothing to do, I picked it up and started reading it.

Now you may be wondering what in the world would get a guy to pick up a book on marriage and relationships.

But it was so factual, practical and interesting that I read it in a few days. The book is easy to read, and Warren provides practical, real-life examples from people he's actually counseled.

I've since recommended it to so many friends of mine (who'll probably give me a lot of crap for writing this), that I thought it might be helpful to let other people in on it.

Relationships are on people's minds this time of year, and this book would probably be worth your time.

The first chapter, for example, goes over the seven reasons most marriages fail.

"Just read the first chapter," I told a friend of mine (who smirked when he saw the cover and the title). "You'll be interest-

ed." Another guy I know, who is engaged, borrowed it from me, and then gave me a huge hug when he returned it. I think it helped.

So, what does the book say? For starters, it says it's good to be with someone that has the same level of ambition and intelligence as you. And that, according to studies, the best age to get married is 28 years old. Warren says the reason is because people generally "know themselves well" by then.

Another good idea the book presents: do not marry someone just to please your folks. And all of that is just for starters. The book also cites studies showing that divorce rates decrease as people move later into their twenties — something that young Baylor couples wanting to marry after graduation should take into account.

Now I'm not Dr. Phil, and I'm not even a psychology major, but I have to admit this book was pretty interesting. And now I've decided that more than just my circle of friends could benefit from it.

If you find yourself celebrating "Singles Awareness Day" this Thursday (we've all been there...), go find a copy of this book. What do you have to lose? Drive to a bookstore, get a copy, ignore the cover, move to a corner so no one sees you and just read a couple of pages. I can almost guarantee you'll learn something worth your time.

So with Valentine's Day around the corner, and some of us (mostly the men) planning romantic moments, take a minute and check this book out at some point. If my friends' reactions are any indicator, you'll probably be glad you did. Happy Valentine's Day.

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Faculty Senate focuses on policies, Relay for Life

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Faculty senate heard presentations Tuesday covering Friday's Board of Regents meeting, spring enrollment figures and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

President John Lilley and Vice-President Randall O'Brien gave senators a run-down of the regents meeting, including the revised organizational religion policy, which allows for non-

Baptist Christian groups to meet and charter under the university. Jay Loser, senator and associate professor of English, said Lilley emphasized this accomplishment of the meeting.

O'Brien stressed the need of objectivity in awarding faculty members the notoriety of master teacher, Baylor's most distinguished faculty honor.

Karla Leeper, chief-of-staff to the president, spoke with the senate about the need to collect university policies and ensure that

policies match practice. Leeper is now chairwoman of a committee trying to update and gather university policies.

Matthew Cordon, chairman of the senate and professor of law, emphasized the importance of this committee's imperative.

"There are hundreds (of policies) that are not in a central location. Many are outdated and people don't know they exist," said.

Cordon said he first became aware of the troubles with university policy when he was appointed

to an ad-hoc committee to update faculty personnel policies. He said "shade-tree" policies, guidelines made for a distinct purpose and never reviewed again, were numerous.

Losey said Lilley is pro-active on the issue of university policy.

"He's not sitting on any successes he's had," Losey said.

Losey commented on the tie between the President's and regents' success in updating the university health policy Friday at the regents meeting. Losey said

the previous policy dealt primarily with HIV/AIDS concerns and was composed in the 1980s, making it archaic in terms of medical concerns.

Coppell senior Martin Hechanova and Fredricksburg senior Alan Kramer met with the senate regarding the university's first Relay for Life, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society. BU Meds, a forum for medical discussion for pre-med majors, is sponsoring the event, along with Alpha Phi Omega and Zeta Tau

Alpha.

Hechanova said the senate seemed enthused about the event. He said he and Kramer's primary goal in addressing the senate was "to recruit survivors. Among the faculty, there are many survivors." The relay, which will take place over night from April 11-12 honors survivors. Those who have beaten cancer take the first relay lap at the event. Hechanova also informed the senate about opportunities to donate or participate in the relay.

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ing and thinking about what it means to engage the systems and powers and our nation at war, both by theological perspectives and political perspectives."

Singletary's response not only addressed the Christian identity in an ambiguous reality, but also on the nature of the conversation at-hand as the presentation offered multiple moral perspectives.

Other speakers shared a similar perspective on the nature of the discussion. Tran said he was pleased with the discussion and that similar events can hap-

pen if initiated. Marten added that many similar events have occurred at Baylor in the past, but students need to be aware of the conversations being conducted on their campus.

The event attempted to encourage campus-wide discussion and even invited a potentially divergent perspective, the AFROTC, an invitation which was ultimately turned down.

Tran and Marten discussed Christian pacifism; Dr. Bob Kruschwitz, director and professor of the Center for Christian Ethics spoke on Christianity and patriotism; and Dr. Barry Harvey, professor in the Great Texts department, spoke on Just War.

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break, he asked himself, "Can I transcend instinct to do what is best for myself and help these patients?"

The main problem he encountered while working with those affected by AIDS was deception.

"No one is going to tell you the truth the first time you ask," he said.

It was then that he connected his passion for rock and roll with his passion for helping others. He remembered that Bob Dylan once said, "You won't get the truth unless there is trust."

Corrin got his message across to students.

"I'm glad to know that there are others like Dr. Corrin, who continue to try and help these people even when no one else will," Frisco junior Sanja Trtanj said.

Corrin encouraged students wanting to study this disease further to be careful who they listen to.

"Big names aren't any smarter than you are," he said.

He spoke about a patient who had a genetic resistance to HIV drugs, but didn't know

it for almost eight years. After the discovery, he realized that the best thing for this man in the beginning would have been to do nothing. As a doctor, it is hard to admit fault, he said, but he thought "it was a good idea at the time."

Too often, more scientific information gets in the way of the patient's overall care, he said.

"Not all research is a good idea," he said.

He warned against doctors who too eagerly anticipate new knowledge.

Corrin reminded future doctors and researchers that "people are afraid; they don't want to take or see pills for the rest of their lives."

Currently, Corrin studies the AIDS epidemic in Geneva, Switzerland.

"It was inspiring to hear that someone who has worked with this illness for so long is still so passionate about finding a cure," said Canyon junior, Ashley Sackinger.

Corrin said he wants students to be a part of the research that finds a treatment for this disease.

"Do not become weary in doing good," Corrin said.

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but they are taught to take down clients' information and interview them, Smith said. He said the juniors and seniors are the ones trained to do the tax returns.

"In ninth grade, I didn't actually think we were going to be doing people's taxes," Wooten said.

In this program, A.J. Moore students fill out the tax returns and the Baylor students review them, said Longview junior Whitney Martin.

Mansfield junior David Hall said he is impressed that the A.J. Moore students are able to use the software and file tax returns. In fact, the academy's students had to train Baylor students to use the software provided by the IRS the first day they came to VITA, Smith said.

Last year students in the program electronically filed around 1,100 returns, Smith said. With the help of Baylor students, the program is able to file more returns.

"Baylor students this year have been a godsend," Smith said.

The first three days the program ran this year, students processed 301 returns, making \$511,400 on refunds for the clients, Wilkinson said.

"It moves faster," Wooten said. "I think they're very helpful."

The Baylor students can choose whether they do tax return projects in class or participate with the program at A.J. Moore, Martin said.

Wilkinson called this option a "double benefit" for the students.

"They would normally do tax return projects," Wilkinson said. "When they do that

they're simply doing a made-up scenario. This is real. They can get credit for experience."

But Baylor students aren't only taking part in this program because of credit they receive for it.

"I was looking to do the volunteer program even before I knew he was counting it as our project grade," Bartlesville, Okla., junior Keith Maynard said. "It was just an extra incentive. It's a great way to use my talents and abilities to serve others in the Waco community."

This program is a positive experience for the Baylor students because they are able to practice what they've learned, Wilkinson said. Martin agreed.

"We are able to actually do what we're learning in class, and it makes it more applicable," she said.

They also benefit from developing their people skills because they have to sit down with the clients and answer any questions they have about their taxes, Wilkinson said.

The motivation behind this project is aiding the community. A lot of people aren't aware of what they qualify for, such as the Earned Income Credit Tax, Wilkinson said.

"It's a refundable credit, so even if they don't owe any tax, they could actually get the refund," Wilkinson said.

Since the service is free, the people get their complete return because they don't have to pay any professionals to file it, Hall said.

"Everyone is so happy when they leave," he said.

With the hope of continuing this program in the future and expanding it to include tax returns for international students, Wilkinson said that this year's program has been a good experience so far.

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