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Oil fire in Draper causes alarm Monday



By Charly Edsitty
and Sarah Rafique
Reporters

Baylor students and faculty were forced to evacuate the Draper Academic Building around 11:45 a.m. Monday when a fire alarm sounded because of a small oil fire in the basement, said Chris Pechacek, assistant fire chief for the Waco Fire Department.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is under way. No one was hurt in the incident, but eight students and one faculty member were trapped in an elevator between the second and third floors at the opposite side of the building.

"We sent a crew up there to make sure they were okay," Pechacek said. "We got them out, and they were all okay."

Pechacek said an officer who was in the basement observed it was an oil-type fire around the elevator area.

"For me personally, that (says) that the elevator system utilizes oil to cool the motors, and it could've been that," Pechacek said. "Basically we are just trying to find out the cause of the fire right now."

The Baylor Police Department first received a call about the students and faculty trapped in a Draper elevator moments before the alarm sounded.

At 11:48 a.m. the department was officially notified about the situation, and emergency crews arrived on campus around 11:55 a.m.

"The officers responded and went to the location and an employee from Information Technology was there and quickly pointed out to the officers the smoke coming out from a grate," Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak said. "They recognized it was

Charly Edsitty/Reporter

Waco Fire Department was called to the Draper Academic Building at 11:45 a.m. Monday after a small oil fire in the basement caused fire alarms to sound. No one was hurt in the incident but eight students and a faculty member were temporarily trapped in an elevator.

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Baylor offers minimesters this summer

May session provides students opportunity to earn three hours in three weeks

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

This spring Baylor will hold its first "minimester" in which students can knockout a three-hour class in three weeks.

The session will begin Tuesday, May 20 and wrap-up with finals on Saturday, June 7. Each minimester class will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Tuition for the term will be the same as tuition for a summer class.

Twenty-one classes, ranging from graduate classes in the George W. Truett Theological Seminary to lower-level classes in the College of Arts and Sciences, will be offered.

Plans are underway for a residence hall and dining facility to remain open through the minimester.

The university calendar committee, composed of faculty and staff members, hatched the idea three years ago when they were planning the calendar for this academic year, according to Naymond Keathley, senior vice-provost, and Frank Mathis, chairman of the university calendar committee. The provost's office approved the calendar last year, but made some amendments to the proposed minimester, Keathley said. The plan originally called for two-week classes, preventing the term from coinciding with summer classes. The minimester will overlap the first session of summer school by one week.

The committee thought this quick chance to take a class would be convenient for students looking to pick up a class before they leave for an internship or job, or for students who are planning to hang out in Waco for a couple weeks after the spring semester ends for reasons such as an apartment lease lasting through May.

Keathley, who has taken students on study-abroad trips, anticipates the minimester will be helpful for students who are studying abroad the second summer session, as they'll have more time to relax before leaving in July.

Mathis, also the associate dean for sciences and a professor of mathematics, said the committee did not think the minimester would appeal to summer school students as it overlaps summer school. Keathley said students can enroll in the minimester and the first summer session, provided they do not exceed the six-hour maximum a student can take in any summer session.

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Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., speaks at a campaign rally Monday, on the campus of St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis. Clinton's campaign officials said they hope to open an office in Waco by the end of the week.

Clinton to open office in Waco by end of week

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., will follow the lead of Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., by opening a field office in Waco, said Clinton campaign officials. With the Texas presidential primary coming up March 4, Clinton is focusing her campaign efforts on Central Texas.

"All of the field offices opened are strategically placed around the state in influential areas," said Plano junior Stephanie Formas, who works for the Clinton campaign.

Although Obama set up a Waco campaign office last week, Formas said that decision had no bearing on Clinton's campaign plan.

"We actually were slated to open this office even before Obama's campaign opened his," she said.

Beth Schoenbach, a Clinton campaign staff member stationed in Waco, said campaign coordinators are working to have the office open as soon as possible.

According to Jessica Santillo, regional press secretary for Clinton's campaign, the exact location of the office hasn't been determined, but it could open as early as this week.

"It usually doesn't take long to set up one of these offices once all the details have been hashed out," Santillo said. "Lots of events are in the plan-

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Truett Seminary to award Garland chair

Dr. Hulitt Gloer to receive honor, recognition in preaching

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

The George W. Truett Theological Seminary will name Dr. Hulitt Gloer the inaugural David E. Garland Chair of Preaching during a special Chapel service at 9:30 a.m. today in the seminary's Paul W. Powell Chapel.

An anonymous donor established the chair and named it after Garland, current dean of the seminary school. The award is designed as a tribute to the leadership and devotion of Garland, and to honor the professor named chair.

"I'm both greatly honored and tremendously excited to receive this

honor," Gloer said. "Garland is one of the finest scholars and preachers in the world today. To be appointed a chair named after him is a tremendous privilege."

Gloer has also served as pastor to various churches around the nation. A leader of national Bible conferences and studies, Gloer has also authored several books and articles for publication. Before coming to Baylor, Gloer served as a professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.; North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

"This honor is bestowed upon significant professors, and Gloer has been an outstanding professor for a long time," Garland said. "His ability to really reach his students is what makes him stand out."

Though his job description will not change with the receiving of this award, Gloer said it serves as something to change his frame of mind.

"This award brings with it the responsibility of living up to the



Gloer

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Associated Press

Kosovars celebrate international recognition Monday in Pristina, Kosovo. Major European powers and the U.S. recognized Kosovo on Monday, a day after the province's ethnic Albanian leaders declared independence from Serbia.

Kosovo recognition causes global rift

By Robert Wielaard
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an independent nation Monday, widening a split with Russia, China and some EU members strongly opposed to letting the territory break away from Serbia.

The rift was on view for a second day at the U.N. Security

Council, which was holding an emergency session to discuss the declaration of independence issued Sunday by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority.

Ethnic Serbs rallying in northern Kosovo angrily denounced the United States and urged Russia to help Serbia hold on to the territory that Serbs consider the birthplace of their civilization. Protesters also marched

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Clemens needs memory enhancers, not steroids

Roger Clemens' closest teammates, wife Debbie and pitcher Andy Pettitte, have one thing in common, but not with Roger: They both remember having used human growth hormone.

Thankfully, Roger helped his wife overcome the temptation to illegally enhance her swimsuit performance (see *Sports Illustrated's* Swimsuit 2003 issue) when he reportedly told her, "Let's back off this, we need to know more."

Perhaps that was the motivation for "The Roger Clemens Institute," which is where "highly trained physicians and staff are here to push every level of athlete ... to a higher level of performance."

The institute Web site goes on to explain, "As all athletes know, there is always a way to get better. Whether it's getting better after an injury or getting better at your game, we're here for you."

It's unclear if Brian McNamee was ever on staff at the institute.

It's difficult to believe Clemens' former trainer McNamee when he said he administered steroids to Clemens' glutinous maximum.

For one thing, McNamee's hair looks so bad that it looks like he cut it himself.

Not that we haven't employed this money-saving grooming tip, just not before national TV

sports humor



BY DR. KIRK WAKEFIELD

appearances.

For another, McNamee never played on Team USA. According to testimony, Clemens is very proud of playing for the USA national baseball team in 2004, whereas McNamee makes no such claim.

Clemens bolsters his "not guilty" claim by noting that he was proud to wear "USA" on his uniform.

Conversely, McNamee was fired as a Yankees' trainer in 2002 following alleged use of the date-rape drug GHB, which he apparently wrongly injected into players due to a mix-up with HGH and an undiagnosed learning disability.

Clemens is only guilty of "being too trusting of everyone, wanting to see the best in everyone and being too nice to everyone," according to the player's sworn statements.

Conversely, McNamee worked his way up from New York police cop to athletic trainer to the stars. Most professional trainers do not have that much practical experience.

Evidence of Clemens' char-

acter comes from his support of Pettitte, despite recollections of Clemens' steroids' use: "Andy Pettitte is my friend. He was my friend before this. He will be my friend after this and again. I think Andy has misheard. I think he misremembers."

We can't blame Roger for misremembering because of his UT education psychological projection, the defense mechanism wherein individuals attribute one's own faults to others.

It's possible, though, that Clemens tends to misremember, and therefore thinks that his friend Andy also misremembers in front of the occasional congressional hearing.

But, given that Clemens won

his seventh Cy Young award at age 42 and is a proud Team USA member, it is likely Pettitte who projects his own use onto Clemens. Pettitte, also a Team USA member, has yet to provide sworn statements regarding his feelings.

Finally, body-language expert Janine Driver reports Clemens signals deception, including an inward directed thumb during swear-in, tongue projection, lip-licking and declaring "not guilty" instead of innocence. McNamee showed no such signs.

Isn't it obvious that Driver is just misremembering?

Dr. Kirk Wakefield is chairman of the marketing department in the Hankamer School of Business.

Editorial

Clemens wasting too much time

Assessing airport security, addressing global warming, investigating the Department of Defense, calling out one of Major League Baseball's premier pitchers for steroid use ... just another hearing for the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Roger Clemens, named greatest living pitcher in 2006 by ESPN analysts, was brought to hearing after Major League Baseball's Commissioner Bud Selig requested a report entitled, "The Report to the Commissioner of Baseball of an Independent Investigation into the Illegal Use of Steroids and Other Performance Enhancing Substances by Players in Major League Baseball," informally known as the Mitchell Report. It was released December 13, 2007.

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell's 20-month investigation into the use of anabolic steroids and the human growth hormone named 89 Major League Baseball players alleged to have used steroids or drugs. Clemens was one of them.

The Mitchell Report alleged that Clemens had used steroids and human growth hormone during the 1998-2001 seasons. Clemens firmly denied these accusations, but former teammate and friend Andy Pettitte provided a sworn deposition that confirmed Clemens' use of the human growth hormone.

Over his career, Clemens won seven Cy Young Awards, two more than any other pitcher, and in 2003, he reached his 300th win and 4,000th strikeout in the same game.

This made him only one of four pitchers to have more than 4,000 strikeouts in their career.

Although none of these achievements should have really mattered in the hearing, representatives couldn't help doling out accolades during Clemens' interrogation. Several represen-



tatives asked for Clemens' autograph during individual meetings and more than one posed for a photo, according to a Feb. 8 article in the *New York Daily News*.

What has this hearing accomplished? Nothing other than shedding even more light on a problem that everyone already knew about. And in the process, it has wasted taxpayers' dollars. Doesn't the House of Representatives have anything more important to do?

More to the point, why didn't Commissioner Selig handle the problem internally? The commissioner's job description is to maintain the sport's umpiring crews and negotiate marketing, labor and television contracts.

He has authority over all aspects of organized baseball as given to him by the owners of the teams, and it is his responsibility to maintain the integrity of the game. It seems like this kind

of hearing is his jurisdiction, not that of the House of Representatives.

The purpose of the House oversight committee is to investigate any federal program and any matter with federal policy implications. Where does Major League Baseball fall into this?

The committee has been getting a bad rap for its lack of subpoenas for testimony or documents concerning many of the most controversial investigations in our recent history, including the Sept. 11 attacks, the Central Intelligence Agency's leak of agent Valerie Plume and the incompetent response by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and its contractors during Hurricane Katrina.

Given these urgent problems, why is the committee investigating Roger Clemens? Why is baseball's drug problem more important than those investigations?

It should be noted that the commit-

tee is also investigating World Wrestling Entertainment, Total Nonstop Action Wrestling and the National Wrestling Alliance regarding drug policies.

This investigation arose in the wake of the death of World Wrestling Entertainment performer Chris Benoit. Again, this is way more important than investigating terrorism, FEMA or intelligence leaks, right?

It's time that Congress got back to doing its job, and we're not the only ones who think so.

Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, R-Va., is one of few representatives who questioned both Roger Clemens and Brian McNamee, Clemens former trainer and a witness against him.

After listening to them, Foxx said the committee is wasting its time at the hearing and should go back to its normal duties.

We couldn't agree more.

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Letters to the editor

Campus closures nothing new

Regarding the closing of streets around campus: this is not a new phenomena at Baylor.

Seventh Street used to run right through campus, as did several others, but they were closed about 25 years ago to make Baylor a more pedestrian campus and to add additional security because anyone could (and did) drive on campus to

commit crimes and cause other problems.

It will be much harder for the alumni who come back and try to figure out how to get around than it will be for current and future students, but overall it should make a much more cohesive campus as well as a safer one.

Cynthia Peterson
Alumna 1979

Basketball seating unfair

I tend to agree with the Brad Holbrook letter to the editor in the Feb. 13 issue of *The Baylor Lariat*. I understand that it is all about money.

However, Baylor should also be about people.

I know a lady who has been a women's basketball supporter (and in attendance at games) since they played in Rena Marrs

McLean Gym and a season ticket holder for more than 10 years.

She has been bumped out of her seats twice in the last three to four years because she could not afford to pay the additional costs that were added on top of her season ticket price.

And then, as Mr. Holbrook points out, many of those people who paid for those seats do not even show up at half the games, and when they do show up they

spend their time socializing.

Texas Tech has been one of our chief rivals for conference championships in recent years, yet it appeared to me that over one-third of those high-dollar seats appeared to be empty at the game on Feb. 9th.

As I remember, there were more than 7,000 in attendance at that game yet the best seats were noticeably not full.

My point is that it is a shame

when some of the most long-term, vocal, avid supporters of the women's program get bumped out of their seats by people who purchase them because it is the social thing to do, not because they will attend most of the games and be vocal supporters of our great women athletes.

Bob Garrett
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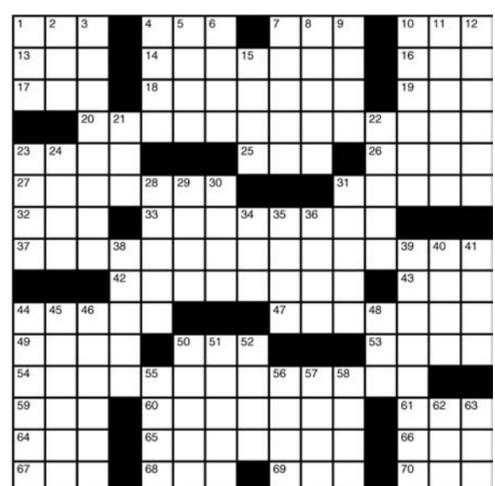
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Baylor in London/FIE program is holding an informational session at 4:45 p.m. today in 201B Poage Legislative Library. It is open to all majors, and internships are available for juniors and seniors. For more information contact Karen_Connors@baylor.edu.

Kappa Delta will hold an open recruitment tea party at 8 p.m. today in the Stacy Riddle Forum. For more information contact Laura_Glathar@baylor.edu

Career Services is holding a teacher job fair at 9 a.m. Wednesday on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center. A meet-and-greet will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. and recruiters will interview students from noon to 3 p.m. Student I.D., resume and professional dress are required. For more information visit www.hireabear.com.

The History Department will play host to Dr. Donald Worster as part of the Edmondson Historical Lecture series at 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday in 100 Morrison Hall. He will give a lecture on "A Biographical Perspective on Environmental History." For more information contact the history department at 710-2667.

Spiritual Life is looking for students who are interested in directing Baylor's Mission Week 2008. For more information go to the Bobo Baptist Student Center or the Harris House, or visit www.baylor.edu/um for an application.

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Project looks at Waco shops

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Baylor alumnus Harry Reed remembers trading roses for credit hours to help pay for his tuition.

Reed, owner of Reed's Flowers on Austin Avenue, is working with Dr. Stephen Sloan, director of the Institute for Oral History, to provide a snapshot of historic family-owned businesses in Waco. Reed's Flowers started in Waco in the 1930s during the Great Depression, when Reed's parents decided to open a flower business.

"Mom and Dad were entrepreneurs and opened up a flower-growing business at first," Reed said. "The bank ended up foreclosing that first location on 19th and Speight and we started over again on Austin Avenue."

During his college years, Reed teamed up with other students on campus to sell flowers for different campus events.

He studied horticulture from 1939 to 1942, and entered the military, where he trained as a pilot and engineered B-29s during World War II. He returned to finish up his last year in 1948, and inherited the family business.

"So many interesting things happened on campus," Reed said. "The administration eventually disallowed us to continue selling on campus unless the proceeds from our sales were going towards the university."

The Institute for Oral History is planning to launch the digital project to be accessed online. The Web page will be available as a direct link from the Institute for Oral History's Web site to the Baylor Web site. The project,



Courtesy photo

Baylor alumnus Harry Reed's Waco flower shop, founded by his parents, has been operating since the Great Depression. Reed and other area shop owners will be featured in an oral history project.

ect, started in the fall, is slated to finish by the end of the year.

"The Web page will feature audio and images from sources compiled for the project," Sloan said. "The Internet won't go away, so I'm convinced we should embrace it."

Sloan said one key subject of the study is to investigate the dynamics of older businesses in an age when commercially owned businesses and chains dominate the market.

Sloan has interviewed Reed and other Waco business owners for the project, which focuses on how businesses persist throughout time in connection with the community.

"One of the main focuses of the study is the question of succession in these historic businesses, and how they remain family-owned," Sloan said. "We want to study how businesses make the family different, and how future generations take over. In some cases there is a clear line of founder's passion from the future generations, and in other cases no one wants to take over the business."

There are no set plans for the

inheritance of Reed's business.

"It's a possibility that we're going to have to wait on," Reed said. "This is a service business that is labor intensive and requires a lot of time."

Reed continues to work on-site at his business, preparing orders and overseeing production.

In the 1980s, he provided masses of flowers for homecoming and special events, and continues to do a lot of work for the university and various organizations on campus. He credits his experiences at Baylor for the success of his store, as well as for fond memories.

"I am very content with things," Reed said. "We are fortunate to have Baylor in Waco. I often thought of how my outlook on my career would have changed if I had not studied here."

The Institute for Oral History also partnered with businesses and people in the community for its upcoming Waco History Project, to be showcased in April at the Mayborn Museum Complex.

Cameron Park death creates suit

By Christina Kruse
 Staff writer

The parents of a former Baylor student who died two years ago after falling from a cliff in Cameron Park filed a lawsuit against the city of Waco.

Jerry and Linda Palady filed the lawsuit on Thursday in the 74th District Court, seeking unspecified damages.

The suit was filed one day before the two-year statute of limitations expired.

In 2006, Brandon Palady climbed over a 6-foot chain-link fence and passed signs that prohibited climbing near Circle Point in Cameron Park. He fell off a 50-foot cliff and was found unconscious by an off-duty park ranger. He died later that night.

"This is not about money," Jerry Palady said. "It's about doing the right thing and protecting people."

The suit claims the city has been negligent because it failed to provide adequate warning against the dangers of collapsing rocks near the ledges.

"I've been working with the city for the past two years to effect change," Jerry said. Jerry Palady is vice president and managing director of an engineering and construction firm in DeSoto.

The plans will be discussed today during the city council meeting.

"They are making some steps, but it is a controversial issue," Jerry Palady said.

From 1982 to 2006, there have been reported 26 cases of people who have fallen from cliffs in the park and at least 6 have died, Jerry Palady said.

McLennan Community College baseball player Brad McGehee died in 2004 when he fell from the same spot as Palady. His family sued, but the lower court threw out the case, ruling the city was not liable.

Texas' 10th Court of Appeals reversed the decision and ruled that the McGehee family does have the right to sue the city over their son's death. The Paladys filed their suit a month after this decision was made.

"Brandon was very outgoing, and very sweet natured," said Garland junior Raissa van Uum, who was friends with Brandon.

Brandon Palady transferred from Baylor University to McLennan Community College in 2005 and was studying entrepreneurial business at the time of his death.

Palady has also encouraged Waco colleges to warn students of the dangers in Cameron Park during orientation.

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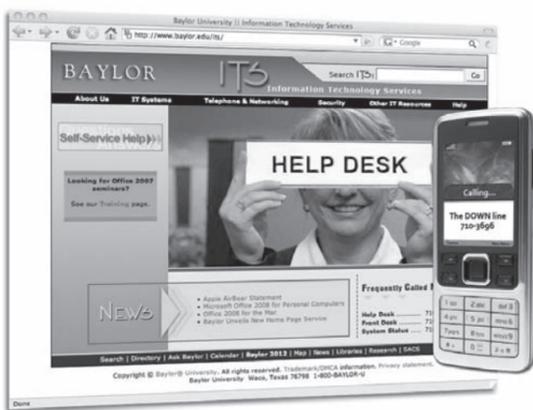
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Texas Senate sets new health care goals for 2008-09

By Kate Thomas
Reporter

Texas wants to keep the doctors it pays to train.

The recent "General Appropriations Act for the 2008-2009 Biennium," released by the Texas Senate, spells out the Senate's goals regarding medical student retention rates within the Texas health care system.

The document specifically listed Baylor College of Medicine, which is not affiliated with Baylor University, citing a goal of 50 percent of Baylor College of Medicine graduates entering into Texas residency programs.

Also listed was a goal of having 70 percent of people completing Family Practice Residency Programs to practice in Texas.

The Family Practice Residency Program is part of the University of Texas health care system.

The Texas legislature appropriates close to \$50,000 per medical student yearly, according to the Senate Finance Committee.

Since the legislature is footing the bill, it wants state schools to "train doctors to take care of Texans," said Dr. James Tandy, associate director of pre-health programs and part-time lecturer.

These goals come at a time when Texas could experience a drastic shortage of doctors.

The supply of physicians will have to increase by 30 percent to accommodate demand for health care, said Dr. David Pennington, chairman of the chemistry department and former head of the pre-health program.

"(Increasing the number of

medical school seats) would take a lot of effort, and even then, it won't kick in fast enough," Pennington said.

Two ways medical schools can accommodate the increase is to either create more seats per school or build more schools, Pennington said.

According to the Senate Finance Committee, about \$43 million was allotted to Texas Tech University to build a Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Besides allotting money to build new facilities, the Senate uses a formula, based on the number of students enrolled at a particular medical school, to give money for research, retirement costs, financial aid, loan repayments and professor and employee costs.

Even Baylor College of Medi-

cine, while not a state school, is given funds indirectly, according to the Senate Finance Committee. The amount was estimated at \$90.4 million.

"The issue is the theoretic desire to increase class size, but it has to be driven by the Texas Legislature allowing schools to increase class size," Tandy said. "It all comes down to money."

While many schools add two to three seats a year, according to the Senate Finance Committee, larger expansions require more scrutiny and thus need the approval of the legislature.

"There are more than enough people and patients to be taken care of," so raising the number of seats in medical schools would benefit the Texas health care system, Tandy said.

The most pressing need for

doctors comes from poor areas, he said, especially in places like Appalachia in West Virginia.

"How do you get people to go and practice in those areas?" Tandy said.

One of the Senate's goals, according to the General Appropriations Act, is to increase the number of the Family Practice Residency Program completers practicing in "medically underserved areas or health care professional shortage areas" to 6.08 percent in 2008-2009.

"If I become a doctor, I would definitely consider going and working in one of those places," said Houston senior Rita Contreras, a biology major.

All this amounts to one conclusion: prospects for premedical students are looking good.

Prehealth is the most popular

track for incoming freshmen at Baylor, Tandy said.

The Baylor Prehealth program was a "well-oiled machine," when he inherited it 19 years ago, Pennington said. He said Baylor's emphasis on advising premedical students gives students an edge when applying to medical school. While science and technical knowledge are important for medical school students, Pennington said, he believes interpersonal skills are critical in the clinical years of medical school training and that competent, well-rounded people will best succeed in medical school.

He also said the percentage of Baylor students who applied and were accepted to medical school was 15 to 20 percent higher than the national average in the last few years.

Former President Bush endorses McCain

By Liz Sidoti
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — John McCain picked up former President George H.W. Bush's support on Monday, a critical blessing by a pillar of the Republican establishment whose members aren't completely sold on the party's next standard-bearer.

"Few men walking among us have sacrificed so much in the cause of human freedom. And I'm happy to help this remarkable patriot carry our party banner forward," Bush said, standing alongside the GOP's nominee-in-waiting in an airport hangar.

In endorsing McCain, the patriarch of the Republican political dynasty sent a strong message to a party base wary of the Arizona senator because of his reputation for bucking the GOP on several high-profile issues.

The elder Bush also signaled to a vast network of Bush family activists and fundraisers that they, too, should swing behind the eventual nominee.

McCain said he was deeply honored by Bush's support. "I think that our effort to continue to unite the party will be

enhanced dramatically by President Bush's words," he added.

Since effectively sealing the nomination when chief rival Mitt Romney dropped out, McCain has been working to convince the party's fickle and influential conservative base to get behind his candidacy.

He's seen some progress, with several high-profile establishment Republicans endorsing him in an effort to unite the party while Democrats continue to fight for a nominee. Still, McCain has much work to do to energize the party behind his candidacy to ensure that its people turn out this fall.

President Bush, for his part, has spoken warmly of McCain, calling him a "true conservative." But he also has said McCain might have to work harder to win over the GOP's more conservative wing. Protocol demands that he not swing explicitly behind the candidate with a race still technically — and only technically — in progress.

His father's endorsement, which follows one from former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, is a further nudge by GOP chieftains for conservative activists to get over their dis-

taste for McCain — and for rival Mike Huckabee to exit the race.

Without mentioning McCain's chief rival by name, the elder Bush suggested he wasn't sending a signal to Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor. "I had not come here to tell any other candidate what to do," Bush said.

Still, he recalled his own defeat in the 1980 presidential race, and said: "It can take a while for any candidate to read the handwriting on the wall, and that certainly was true of me."

Bush also called criticism by the right flank that McCain is not conservative enough absurd and grossly unfair.

"He's got ... a sound conservative record, and yet he's not above reaching out to the other side," Bush said.

McCain has drawn the ire of some high-profile conservative pundits and others for what they call infractions against the party. McCain twice voted against Bush's tax cuts. He pushed a campaign finance overhaul that critics said restricted their free speech rights. And, he has worked across the aisle with Democrats on issues like an eventual path to citizenship for

millions of illegal immigrants — heresy in the eyes of many hard-core Republicans.

As he makes the transition into a general election candidate, McCain not only must rally the party but also must try to determine how to deploy the current president, whose job approval rating is at a low point.

While still popular among Republicans, many moderates and independents have turned from the president, and Democrats already have started casting McCain's candidacy as a continuation of Bush's eight years in office.

But McCain shows little willingness to distance himself, saying: "I'd be honored to have President George Bush's support, his endorsement. And I'd be honored to be anywhere with him under any circumstances."

The president, during a visit to Africa, was asked Monday about reports the McCain camp wants his fundraising help but doesn't want him to appear too often with McCain.

"I'm sitting in Tanzania, I don't know what the McCain campaign said," Bush said. "But I'll help him in any way I can. Absolutely."



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Del Rio junior Aaron Fritsch takes a break during classes Monday and does a grind at a public skate park near Columbus Avenue Baptist Church at Columbus Avenue and 12th Street.

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Fired up to learn

One class continued Monday despite an emergency evacuation from Draper Academic building. The building was evacuated following an alarm raised over a basement fire just before noon.

Former football star to lecture on black identity

Running-back explains "African-American" is inadequate term

By Elizabeth Herring
Reporter

Former Houston Oilers All-Pro running back Woody Campbell will speak from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Fentress Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center as a guest speaker for Frankly Speaking.

Frankly Speaking is an open student forum that discusses a wide variety of topics.

Campbell will discuss his book *Fade to Black* that addresses the terminology of African-Americans.

The Web site for Campbell's book states, "I believe we are Black Americans of African descent. The African-American designation is by definition and logic, a misrepresentation."

Houston graduate student Julie Smith, who works with Frankly Speaking, said Campbell's book "traces the historical path to black culture in America today."

His book talks about the changing identity, of the name commonly used to refer to the ethnic group.

Campbell said he feels that many others would prefer the term Black Americans of African descent instead of African-Americans.

Much of the changes that affected African-American culture occurred before the Civil War, Campbell said.

On Wednesday, Campbell is leading a question and answer session after he talks briefly on his book.

He will discuss why he thought it was important to

write the book and what it is about.

Students and faculty can ask Campbell questions relating to his book, about the muddled identity of black culture in America or his general ideas about why this terminology is incorrect.

Campbell is a Vietnam veteran, one of seven professional athletes to serve active duty during the Vietnam War.

He was also the first black sportscaster in Houston.

There will be a raffle during Frankly Speaking to give away three prizes autographed by Campbell.

His book will also be available for purchase.

Director of Student Activities Scott Wade said he feels that these conversations are important no matter what the topic.

Wade said he thinks they give people freedom to voice their opinions in a safe environment.

"I think they're issues that affect the Baylor community and what we aspire to be," Wade said.

The forum meets weekly to discuss important issues.

"Oftentimes they address issues that are difficult to approach as students," said Erin Ebert, a Knoxville graduate assistant in Multicultural Activities.

Ebert said that many of these conversations hosted at Frankly Speaking are not ones she has been a part of before.

She said she thinks they open up dialogue and give students a chance to share experiences and ideas.

Next week's Frankly Speaking topic is "Should Baylor allow homosexual groups to be recognized on campus?"

GIS system helps garner interest in world

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

A computer program that helps users understand everything from maps of the Middle East to the taste of Waco's water is gaining popularity on campus and beyond.

The program is Geographical Information Systems, or GIS. Through map overlays, the program helps to take complex data and make it more user-friendly.

"One thing I really like about it is takes very scientific things and makes them easier to understand," Houston senior Kirstin

Hartzell said. "It's very good for community outreach because you don't have to have very much scientific background to understand it."

Dr. Shane Prochnow, a lecturer in the geology department, teaches three full classes on GIS each semester, he said.

"Ten years ago we had one GIS class and we struggled to get filled. Five years ago we had two GIS classes that we struggled to get filled. Right now we have three GIS classes that stay full all the time," Prochnow said.

He said the number of GIS users on campus has gone from

10 to around 50 over the past five years.

Dr. Joseph White, an associate professor in the biology department, currently uses the program.

"It's been around for a long time, the concept of taking data in the digital form and learning something new from it," White said. "GIS is slowly attracting groups from across campus including anthropology and even political science. You can see that from looking at any USA Today." Any map featured in USA Today is most likely a GIS map, White said.

White and Prochnow are currently using GIS on an interdepartmental project studying how El Niño and La Niña weather systems affect water quality in Waco.

In 2003, the Center for Reservoir and Aquatic Systems Research was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency through the city of Waco to study water quality in Lake Waco, White said.

For three years the group conducted research. T

They are still in the process of compiling and interpreting the data.

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Jessika Bradley shines on court

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Up until Sunday afternoon's game against the University of Oklahoma, Jessika Bradley had played behind the large shadow cast by fellow sophomore and 6-foot-3 post Danielle Wilson.

Rightfully so. Wilson has been a menace in the paint, averaging 2.7 blocks per game, who ranks third in the Big 12 Conference. The Bay Shore, N.Y., native also posts 11 points and seven rebounds per game, but after faulty performances by Wilson throughout the past two weeks, head coach Kim Mulkey decided to alter her starting lineup.

Bradley was inserted into the rotation for her third career start in Sunday's game against the No. 10 Sooners with a daunting task ahead of her.

Facing arguably the best frontcourt in the nation highlighted by 2007 AP National Player of the Year Courtney Paris, Bradley knew she was going to be battle tested.

"I couldn't compare myself to (Courtney Paris)," the Sacramento, Calif., native said. "I just had to go out there and do the best thing I know how to do-rebound."

Bradley's final statistics: 10 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks in Baylor's largest margin-of-victory over a top-10 team in school history weren't overwhelming, but her presence was.

"I thought the lineup change was just a spark for our basketball team," Mulkey said. "Jessika Bradley just fronted, she banged and she pushed. What rebounds she couldn't get, she slapped

away. She was active."

Courtney Paris finished the game with 21 points and 15 rebounds.

But considering that the Sooners perimeter game was non-existent, Oklahoma's offense was one dimensional in its lowest offensive output of the season.

With strong overall defense from the rest of the Lady Bears, the Sooners offense, as Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale said, looked elementary.

Shooting 1-15 from beyond the arc, all offense for the Sooners went through the Paris twins Sunday.

"Even teams that can't shoot the three don't shoot the ball that poorly," Coale said. "It is about rhythm and cadence and the shots that you are taking, when you are taking them and how you are taking them."

All things considered, fans cannot frown upon one of the most dominant players in the sport having a typical game.

"I'm not going to stop her every time, but hopefully I could stop her from touching it every possession," Bradley said. "She's a great player, so she's going to get her numbers. I just kept moving my feet as best as I could and tried to stop her."

The Lady Bears have a well-needed week off before traveling to Ames, Iowa to take on a hot Iowa State Cyclone team.

"Anything I can do to contribute, even if it's just to come in there and only have 10 boards and no points - whatever I can do to help the team win," Bradley said. "I'm just taking it game-by-game, and as much as coach needs me out there, that's what I've got to do."



Associated Press

New Jersey Nets' Jason Kidd, right, drives to the basket as he is guarded by Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry during the first quarter of NBA basketball Sunday night in East Rutherford, N.J.

Deadlines tight for NBA dealings

By Brian Mahoney
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Only a few days left in the NBA's version of "Let's Make a Deal."

The Lakers were already winners, and the Suns and Mavericks could start playing with their new toys Wednesday. Now it's up to teams like San Antonio and New Orleans to see if they want to make a trade to help put them over the top in the loaded Western Conference.

They have until Thursday afternoon to decide, and with nine teams separated by fewer than five games in the standings, standing pat could mean standing still.

"We've never had a race that close at this point in the season," commissioner David Stern said. "The trades seem to have piqued interest."

So who's next? And who's left?

The big deals involving Shaquille O'Neal and Pau Gasol and the expected trade of Jason

Kidd have swung the attention to Phoenix, Los Angeles and Dallas.

Largely forgotten is that the Hornets came out of the All-Star break with the best winning percentage in the West.

New Orleans finally got some attention by hosting a successful All-Star weekend, which ended with MVP LeBron James leading the Eastern Conference to a 134-128 victory over the West on Sunday night.

The Hornets have been largely overlooked, but there is some thought the NBA be right back here in the same building in mid-June.

"I think we feel pretty good about the way we played so far," Hornets coach Byron Scott said. "Obviously, we haven't made any move like a few teams around us have. But we feel we have a very good basketball team. When it's all said and done, we feel we're going to have something to do with it."

The unofficial second half starts with 10 games Tuesday. Much of the attention, however, will be saved for the next night, when O'Neal could make his Phoenix debut against Kobe Bryant and the Lakers, no less, Kidd might suit up for Dallas, and Mike Bibby makes an immediate return to his old home when Atlanta visits Sacramento.

The trade deadline comes the following afternoon, but it's clear many teams aren't interested in waiting until the last minute.

The Lakers kicked off shopping season by acquiring former All-Star Pau Gasol from Memphis. Phoenix went even bigger by bringing O'Neal from South Beach to the Southwest, and the Mavs were hoping their deal to bring Kidd back to his original team would go through Monday.

Any one of those moves could make the difference in a conference where Houston has won eight straight games and was 32-20, and that was still only good enough for a tie with Golden State and Denver for the final two playoff spots.

They would be tied for fourth place and home-court advantage in the first round if they resided in the East.

Yet, the West being powerful is nothing new, which is why the defending champion Spurs don't think they have to react to the moves made around them.

It's going to be tough and people are going to have to playing

well at the right time," All-Star forward Tim Duncan said. "It doesn't matter what moves you make, if they're not playing well for you, if you're not jelling, if you don't find the right rhythm or the right people to put on the court at the same time, it's not going to work for you."

The Gasol deal has worked so far for the Lakers, who won the final four games of their road trip leading into the break despite a torn ligament in Bryant's right pinkie finger.

If center Andrew Bynum's knee injury heals and he returns at full strength, Los Angeles could be the favorite to reach the NBA finals.

Or, they could be gone in the first round for the third consecutive year.

To reach the finals, the Lakers would likely have to survive a field that looks every bit as tough as the one they navigated in 2001, when they swept Portland, Sacramento and San Antonio all 50-game winners in the West playoffs to give Bryant his second of three straight championship rings.

He thinks things could be just as difficult this time around.

"Even the bottom tier teams, if you can call them bottom tier teams, the eighth seed, ninth seed, they're tough," said Bryant, who ignored the recommendation of surgery on his finger because he knows the Lakers need him on the floor.

"When we made our run, we obviously had Portland to deal with, we had San Antonio to deal with, Sacramento was just starting to come into its own, and then a couple of years later they were the team to beat. But there were a handful of teams there that were really tough. Now, you have nine, 10 teams that could really do some damage in the playoffs."

Things seem more settled in the East, where Boston and Detroit, which has won 10 in a row, have been head and shoulders above the rest of the field. But as James proved last year in the playoffs and reminded everyone during the All-Star game, he can still take over when it counts, so don't write off the defending conference champs.

"We know we're still not going to get the respect we should get. That's never been a problem for us," James said. "We don't care. We just go out and play. We're always going to be the third or fourth or fifth best team in the Eastern Conference."



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Lady Bears head coach Kim Mulkey signals in the game against the University of Oklahoma Sunday. The Lady Bears crushed Oklahoma with a 79-59 win.

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Payback time for Bears

Bears get another chance tonight to beat the Oklahoma Sooners

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Scott Drew said Monday that he doesn't pay much attention to NCAA Tournament bracket predictions or independent polling sites at this point in the season.

Good thing, too, because the men's basketball team has been falling like a rock in water in every one of those performance indicators over its last six games.

The fifth-year Baylor head coach has looked on as the Bears turned a record-breaking 16-2 start into a team suddenly approaching the NCAA Tournament bubble at 17-7 and 5-5 in the Big 12.

After an emotional five-overtime win over Texas A&M University on Jan. 23, the wheels have come off Baylor's postseason train. The Bears have gone 1-5 over their last six games, including three losses away from the Ferrell Center.

Drew said neither defense nor offense is entirely suspect. While the defense gave up 173 points over a two-game span, the offense was responsible for a 1-17 first half from 3-point range in Saturday's demoralizing 82-77 loss to No. 11 Univer-

sity of Texas. It's just a matter of bringing the two together.

"It's just a lack of focus," junior forward Kevin Rogers said. "If we're able to put 40 minutes together instead of 20, 22 or 25 minutes — or in the Texas game, the last two minutes — I think we come out of a lot of these losses and turn them into the opposite, which is wins."

With a game at 7 p.m. today at the University of Oklahoma — who are also 5-5 in the Big 12 and hold a tiebreaker over Baylor because of a head-to-head win earlier this year — the magnitude of wins and losses has been cranked up to a fever pitch.

And Drew was sure to point out that it doesn't get much more important than winning on the road in the heat of a tight conference race.

"This is a huge game for both teams," Drew said. "Both teams are trying to get in the top half of the league, and I know they beat us down here. We owe them one."

Prior to Baylor's last match-up with Oklahoma on Jan. 26, Sooners head coach Jeff Capel listed star freshman Blake Griffin on the doubtful-to-play list. Yet Capel unexpectedly started Griffin against Baylor just two weeks after he had supposedly broken his leg, which Drew admitted caught the staff off-guard.

So now that Oklahoma center Longar Longar is in a similar position, Drew isn't taking any chances.

"I think everybody's playing," Drew said. "We're counting on that."

The 6-foot-10 Griffin scored 17 points and ripped down 15 rebounds in just 22 minutes of work against Baylor earlier this year after sitting out the previous game.

When combined with Longar's 13 points and five rebounds, Oklahoma dominated Baylor on the boards and left Waco with a 77-71 win.

Now that both are expected to contribute heavily, the Baylor big men are preparing accordingly.

"I don't think it's a problem. It's definitely going to be a challenge for our frontcourt," said Rogers, who posted a double-double on Jan. 26 with 13 points and 16 rebounds. "They have two NBA guys in their frontcourt, so they're going to present challenges. It's going to take all of us as a team to come in and try to limit those guys."

The Sooners started Baylor's current slide in their first meeting, breaking up the team's perfect 4-0 start to Big 12 play. Drew is hoping to end it tonight.

"As we said earlier in the year, no moral victories," Drew said. "We're in it to win it."



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Austin junior Curtis Jerrells pushes past a University of Texas player Saturday. The Bears lost 82-77 against the Texas Longhorns at the Ferrell Special Events Center.

Pettitte apologizes for taking HGH

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Andy Pettitte had finished 55½ minutes of apologies, explaining why he used human growth hormone and why he said what he did about Roger Clemens.

Derek Jeter walked over, and the captain wrapped his arms around the visibly relieved Pettitte.

Following an offseason of turmoil, Pettitte was welcomed back to the New York Yankees with open arms.

"My boys are hanging out over there," Pettitte said Monday after arriving at his news conference Monday and unexpectedly seeing Jeter, Jorge Posada and Mariano Rivera off to his right, sitting in a row.

Whether Pettitte can repair his relationship with Clemens

remains to be seen.

They haven't spoken in more than a month, since Pettitte corroborated allegations of drug use against the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"Obviously it's put a strain, I think, on our friendship," Pettitte said. "I love him like a brother."

On the day he reported to spring training, Pettitte faced reporters for the first time since the Mitchell Report was released in December and revealed accusations he had used HGH.

"I felt like I need to come out, be forward with this," Pettitte said. "Whatever circumstances or repercussions come with it, I'll take and I'll take like a man and I'll try to do my job."

Other athletes have ducked tough questions about allegations of drug use, using evasions and nonspecific replies.

Pettitte admitted his mistakes and several times patiently asked reporters, "Did I answer your question?"

Flanked by manager Joe Girardi and general manager Brian Cashman, Pettitte had a hint of the shadow on his face that he's shown on the mound during so many postseason games.

He seemed skittish at the start as he read from notes.

"I want to apologize to the New York Yankees' and to the Houston Astros' organizations and to their fans and to all my teammates and to all of baseball fans for the embarrassment I have caused them," he said. "I also want to tell anyone that is an Andy Pettitte fan I am sorry, especially any kids that might look up to me."

He said he was a "nervous wreck" and "scared to death"

before the news conference, held under a tent behind the third-base side of Legends Field. He relaxed after a few minutes and went into far greater detail than most accused athletes have about their transgressions.

Brian McNamee, the former personal trainer to Pettitte and Clemens, said in the Mitchell Report that Pettitte used HGH in 2002 while with the Yankees.

Two days after the report was released Dec. 13, Pettitte issued a statement through his agent confirming McNamee's account and saying that was the only time he used HGH.

In a deposition and an affidavit to a congressional committee two weeks ago, Pettitte said he injected himself with HGH for one day in 2004 while with the Astros after obtaining two syringes from his father.



Associated Press

New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte hugs catcher Jorge Posada after answering questions at a news conference Monday in Tampa, Fla. Pettitte talked about his use of human growth hormone.

Women's tennis spans No. 7 University of Miami Sunday

By Joe Holloway
Reporter

The women's tennis team improved to 5-1 on the season after upsetting No. 7 University of Miami 4-1 at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center in Coral Gables, Fla. Sunday.

"It's a great win for the program," head coach Joey Scrivano said. "Anytime you beat a top-10 team on the road, it's something to be proud of."

The No. 10 Lady Bears won

the doubles point to jump to an early 1-0 lead.

No. 50 junior Jana Bielikova and freshman Karolina Filipiak teamed up to defeat Miami's tandem of Michaela Kissell and Gina Sabatino at No. 2 doubles.

Freshmen Taylor Ormond and Jelena Stanivuk partnered to win No. 3 doubles, beating Bianca Eichkorn and Caren Seenauth.

"It was really impressive the way two and three doubles played," Scrivano said. "Then

they just continued to play well in singles."

No. 18 sophomore Lenka Brosova won the first singles match of the day at the No. 1 spot against the Hurricanes' Romy Farah in straight sets 6-1, 6-1.

"You can't say enough about what she brings to the table," Scrivano said.

Brosova was happy to have the first Baylor's three singles wins.

"I think it was a big win for

us," she said. "They're a tough team to beat on their home court."

Baylor was dealt its lone loss of the day in No. 1 singles when No. 29 Laura Vallverdu beat No. 15 Zuzana Zemenova 6-3, 6-2.

But the Lady Bears quickly rebounded when Stanivuk defeated Seenauth 6-1, 6-3 playing No. 5 singles.

"It's very good," Stanivuk said. "I did everything I was supposed to do."

No. 87 Filipiak then clinched

the match for Baylor, downing Sabatino 7-6, 6-2.

Several matches did not finish due to inclement weather. Conditions are predicted to be better when the Lady Bears return to action against No. 36 Texas Christian University at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Baylor Tennis Center for their first home match of the season.

"It's the middle of February and we haven't played at home," Brosova said. "I'm just excited to show our fans what we can

do." TCU is coming off an upset of its own, having defeated No. 28 Texas A&M University on Saturday. The Lady Bears are looking forward to the match all the same.

"There's that rivalry we have there," Scrivano said. "It's a big match for us."

And though the Horned Frogs don't rank as highly as Baylor's previous opponent, the match should prove exciting nonetheless.

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'Jumper' falls short, potential paled by predictable plot

By Kelli Boesel
Contributor

Despite coming from director Doug Liman (who gave audiences the excitement and nonstop action of *The Bourne Identity* and *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*), *Jumper* is a let-down and falls short of being a worthwhile action movie.

MOVIE REVIEW

The concepts of teleporting and a war between underground societies have potential, but the plot is lacking and predictable.

And there are so many ups and downs to *Jumper* that I got sick quickly.

The movie builds up a war that has existed for centuries between the "Jumpers" and the Paladins (the Jumpers' enemy) but leaves it as background and moves to the "save the girl" plot.

It seems like the writers started different plot lines with good potential but only had enough time to pursue one.

Not only do they execute one plot line, they choose one that has been done in almost every action movie, and usually not the memorable ones.

By starting different plot lines and never bringing them



Courtesy of Fox

Hayden Christensen and Rachel Bilson struggle in a fight for their lives as David and Millie, in David Liman's newest thriller, *Jumper*, which opened at the top of the box office this past weekend.

to a close, the movie had huge holes, with several questions left unanswered.

The movie opens with David Rice explaining his extraordinary day. But this narration continues until it's more distracting than informative. He goes on to

recount the details of when he first discovered he was "different."

David, played by Hayden Christensen (*Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*), was abandoned by his mother when he was 5 years old and then lived

with his alcoholic father.

The only highlight of his life is Millie, the unobtainable girl, played by Rachel Bilson (*The O.C.*).

David discovers he can teleport after falling through ice, and then instantly landing in

the Ann Harbor library — with a lot of water. After returning home, David decides to use this newfound ability to leave.

The movie then jumps ahead eight years to find David living the good life.

He is jumping wherever he wants and doing whatever he wants, with a closet full of cash and other stolen goods he has collected by robbing banks in New York City.

Unbeknownst to David, he is being hunted by Roland, played by Samuel L. Jackson (*Pulp Fiction*), a Paladin whose main goal is to kill any Jumper he comes across.

After barely escaping Roland in his New York apartment, David finds himself back home in Ann Harbor.

He rekindles his flame with Millie and takes her to Rome, still not realizing that his jumping actions have consequences.

In Rome, David meets Griffin, played by Jamie Bell (*Billy Elliot*), another jumper who has been following him, and they soon find themselves in the midst of a battle with the Paladins in the Coliseum in Rome.

Most of the actors pull their weight in the movie, but they are unfortunately let down by the script and storyline. Christensen plays the "bad boy" side

of David's character well, but falls short when the audience is meant to sympathize or feel something for him. His emotions hardly change from scene to scene, which tends to make his character unbelievable.

Jackson is great as Roland, but again, the writing fails him. His character is stuck on the same line, "Only God should have this power," which he repeats each time he faces a Jumper.

The real saving element to the movie is the character of Griffin and the great acting done by Bell. He brings some much-needed humor to the well-written role.

From the moment David meets Griffin to the very end, he steals each scene, matching his humor with believable action and intensity that is unrivaled by any other actor.

The special effects in *Jumper* are also amazing, with characters leaping from one location to the next, all across the globe.

Equally stunning are the landscapes of each location. Both elements are crafted extremely well.

Despite having so many things working in *Jumper's* favor, it ultimately misses the mark and will likely get tossed in the growing pile of movies that could have been great.

Grade: C+

Buzzard Billy's serves up spicy selection after recent relocation

By Kelli Boesel
Contributor

With Creole-Cajun cuisine and a swamp-inspired atmosphere, Buzzard Billy's has settled well into its new home, offering customers a variety of seafood and non-seafood options.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Within the last year, Buzzard Billy's moved locations from downtown on University Parks Drive to the waterfront of the Brazos River. Not only did the restaurant change its geography, it took on a new name, atmo-

sphere and expanded menu.

"Swamp Shack" replaced "Armadillo Bar & Grill" at the end of the familiar title, and an elevated bar replaces the smoking lounge and pool tables. Smoking, not permitted inside, is only allowed on a patio overlooking the Brazos River.

Strange ducks with black and white speckled heads greet you at the entrance walkway but thankfully keep their distance. Once you're safely inside, you notice that every table features views of the waterfront, with panels of windows making up the walls. With downtown straight ahead and the suspension bridge to the right, the view from the restaurant is breathtak-

ing at sunset.

Breathtaking in a different way is the smell of freshly coated varnish on the wood floors and tables, which turned my stomach. Thankfully, the sensation passed quickly.

Boating and fishing paraphernalia hangs from the ceiling, while plasma screen TVs hang in the corners and front of the bar.

A wide range of people eat at Buzzard Billy's, from families with small children to bikers dressed in leather. It's an atmosphere anyone can enjoy.

The five-page menu is initially overwhelming. Each dish sounds as good as the next. Almost every dish has some

type of seafood included and is inspired by Creole-Cajun flavors. Although Buzzard Billy's offers non-seafood options, they are generic dishes that could be found in any other restaurant in Waco. The "gator fingers" appetizer is one of a kind. They are a little greasy, but the alligator was interesting and stringy, and surprisingly good.

Entrées include seafood, chicken, sausage and steak of different varieties and flavors. The crawfish étouffée is a stand-out dish. Showing that presentation was carefully thought out, two small balls of rice sit in the center of the oval plate. The étouffée was creamy and the flavors complemented the craw-

fish tails. And the spicy quality of the dish didn't detract from the other flavors.

The chicken czarina was equally flavorful. I didn't care for the fried chicken beneath the heavy cream sauce, but it was moist and tender. The side vegetables were cooked well, with just the right amount of crunch.

A non-seafood option is the Philly cheesesteak po'boy, which Wilmington, Del., senior Tabitha Rosebaum described as "one of the best I've found in Waco." She said the meat was seasoned perfectly, but the roll was "not like home."

The bread rolls were the highlight of the meal. Their sweet flavor was a perfect balance to

the savory dishes. But if dessert is what you crave, the Snickers cheesecake was a sweet end to a good meal. The rich, creamy center balanced nicely with a crunchy crust and pieces of Snickers in the pie.

Dinner is where Buzzard Billy's shines. The service was fast and exceptional. My drink was never empty and the food came quickly despite a large number of people in the restaurant. The lunch service, however, was slow. A meal that should've taken an hour took two.

Despite the lack of service in the afternoon, my experience at Buzzard Billy's was pleasing. I left happy and satisfied.

Grade: A

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in Serbia's capital, and that nation recalled its ambassador to the U.S. to protest American recognition for an independent Kosovo.

Despite clamoring of Serbs to retake Kosovo, Serbia's government has ruled out a military response.

But the dispute is likely to worsen already strained relations between the West and Russia, which is a traditional ally of Serbia and seeks to restore its influence in former Soviet bloc states. The Kremlin could become less likely to help in international efforts

important to the U.S. and its allies, such as pressuring Iran to rein in its nuclear program.

Still, for Washington the declaration of independence by Kosovo vindicated years of dogged effort to help a land achieve its dream of self-determination after years of ethnic conflict and repression by Serbia.

Speaking in Tanzania, President Bush declared: "The Kosovars are now independent" — and Washington formally recognized Kosovo as an independent country soon afterward. Germany, Britain and France also gave their heavyweight backing, saying they planned to issue formal recognitions.

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University officials are unsure about how successful the fast-paced session will be.

"We don't know what to anticipate," Keathley said.

Although Keathley said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the number of classes available during the session, Mathis said, "I don't see a lot of students being interested, but I may be wrong."

Mathis thinks some classes, such as math courses, would be inappropriate for the short time-frame of the minimester as three hours in the classroom each day would mentally exhaust students.

Sinda Vanderpool, director of advisers in the College of Arts and Sciences, gave evidence that the classes should be a success.

"I expect that this will be very popular. Students have been asking for these ever since

they have been offered at other universities," she said.

Memphis senior Emily Griffin thinks the session will become a popular option.

"My friends at other schools have (minimesters), and I think it's a really good idea. It's time Baylor had something like (this)," she said.

Many Texas universities, such as the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Texas State University, along with many community colleges, hold short-term classes.

Amarillo graduate student Marla Mathews thought the short session seemed like a good idea, but worried that it may not allow upper-level students enough time to fully grasp the concepts of the course, which they may need after college.

Vanderpool said CASA advisers are aware of the opportunity and students may enroll for the courses at the same time of summer class enrollment.

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standards for both scholarship and preaching Dr. Garland has set," he said. "That in itself is an enormous task, but one that I am willing to take on."

The professor named chair is one expected to be visionary and characteristic of a true leader.

"My vision for the seminary school is that we prepare students to be the most effective pastors and ministers that they can possible be," Gloer said. "That means we seek to achieve

excellence in all disciplines that are a part of the seminary education."

Gloer's various honors include Who's Who in Religion, Outstanding Young Men in America and Personalities of the South.

"The most important task I have is to instill a love for preaching in my students and a desire to be the most effective preachers they can be," he said. "I try to share my own passion for preaching with them in such a way that they become passionate about it too. Great teachers are the ones that teach

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ning stages for the Waco area that will encourage voting. Waco has always been an important part of the campaign trail."

Even though the race is so close and she said Texas is important, Formas said she doesn't think winning the state is of the utmost importance for Sen. Clinton.

"Since the race could go either way, Texas is important because it's big," she said. "But Clinton's been doing well in other areas,

especially among the Latinos. However, for either candidate the stakes are high, and our campaign is doing everything possible to make sure we've covered all the bases."

Clinton campaigners will be spreading the news of the office opening through word of mouth, as well as with the various events in the works for the area.

"They are just getting a feel for the community right now," Formas said, "and trying to figure out exactly what needs to be done to shift the Waco community to Hillary's side."

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coming from the basement."

Capt. Danny Knight of the Baylor Police Department said he put out the flames with a fire extinguisher in only a few seconds. He said the fire was contained to a small closet in the basement mostly used for maintenance purposes.

The fire marshal was on the scene and was conducting an investigation. Doak said a cause will not be determined for a while.

In an e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat* Monday evening, Director of Media Relations Lori Fogleman said the fire was not in the elevator shaft but in the motor that operates the elevators, which is located in the basement of Draper.

Leigh Ann Moffett, fire marshal for Baylor's risk management department, said a hydraulic hose may have malfunctioned and Baylor is investigating the possibility of the elevator being the cause. Classes were disrupted for about an hour, Fogleman said, but resumed in the afternoon. Draper will remain open.

Anne Gwin, French lecturer, was trapped in the elevator for 20 minutes during the fire.

"This is why you should take the stairs," Gwin said.

The people trapped inside the elevator were not worried and were all okay, Gwin said.

"As far as I know we have not had any complaints regarding safety of that elevator," said Warren Ricks, assistant vice

president and chief risk management officer. "It's an older elevator located in an older building on campus. It would be speculation on (anyone's) part as to whether it was safe."

Janet Norden, instructor in Spanish, said she has been at Baylor since 1975 and that elevator has had trouble for a long time. "Many years ago, on a Saturday morning, I was stuck in that elevator for 45 minutes," Norden said. "The question in all our minds now is, 'When do we get a functional elevator?'"

Arlington junior Mary Beth Lobban was in class on the first floor of Draper when the alarms sounded.

"We were in class, and it was hot when we first got in there," Lobban said. "I noticed it was a lot hotter than usual."

Instead of canceling class, her professor, Margaret Thomson, lecturer in the school of education, continued to conduct class outside.

"We are on a schedule and were trying to get out early so I thought, let's stay on schedule," Thomson said.

Ann Ellis, lecturer in political science, said she evacuated as soon as she heard the alarm.

"Students started looking out in the hall and saw other people leaving so we just left also," Ellis said. "We didn't see any fire personnel when we were outside and heard the fire trucks in the distance."

Sports writer Brian Bateman and reporter Lee Marcel contributed to this story.

Pakistanis urged to work together as opposition takes big lead in vote

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Pervez Musharraf appealed for national unity Monday as early unofficial returns showed the opposition taking commanding leads in parliamentary elections aimed at bolstering democracy and calming political strife.

Fear and apathy kept millions of voters at home. But while at least 24 people were killed in election-related violence, the country was spared the type of Islamic militant attacks that scarred the campaign, most notably the assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

State-run television early Tuesday gave the two main opposition parties strong leads in early unofficial tallies, a trend

conceded by the president's Pakistan Muslim League-Q party. Final official results were not expected before Wednesday.

"As far as we are concerned, we will be willing to sit on opposition benches if final results prove that we have lost. This is the trend," party spokesman Tariq Azeem said.

Lack of a clear winner could result in a government too fragmented to rally the nation against Islamic extremists.

Two of Musharraf's close political allies — the chairman of the ruling party and the outgoing railways minister — both lost seats in Punjab, the most populous province and a key electoral battleground.

Balloting proceeded without major attacks, although the opposition party of assassinated ex-prime minister Benazir Bhutto claimed that 15 of its members

had been killed and hundreds injured in scattered violence "deliberately engineered to deter voters."

Officials confirmed 24 deaths in election-related violence over the previous 24 hours, mostly in the country's biggest province of Punjab, the key electoral battleground.

Musharraf was not on the ballot, but the election was widely seen as a referendum on his eight-year rule — including his alliance with the United States in the war against terrorist groups that many Pakistanis oppose.

Musharraf's approval ratings have plummeted since his declaration of emergency rule in November and his purge of the judiciary to safeguard his reelection by the previous parliament a few weeks earlier.

Going into the election, two

public opinion surveys predicted Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party would finish first, followed by the opposition Pakistan Muslim League-N of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. The pro-Musharraf Pakistan Muslim League-Q was in third.

More than 12 hours after counting began, state-run Pakistan TV said early Tuesday that unofficial tallies were complete for more than 100 of the 268 parliamentary seats being contested. It gave Bhutto and Sharif's parties nearly 70 percent of the vote, with Sharif's party leading.

An overwhelming victory by the opposition could leave Musharraf politically weakened at a time when the United States is pressing him to take more robust action against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters based in Pakistan's restive northwestern region along the Afghan border.

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