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Austin senior guard Angela Tisdale drives past Öklahoma State's Norman, Okla., junior guard Taylor Hardeman in Baylor's 72-68 loss Thursday night at the Ferrell

Center.

Alex Song/



# Big 12 title all but stripped away by OSU

By Brian Bateman Sports writer

Baylor will have to win the Big 12 conference the hard way - win three games in a row against the elite of the

Oklahoma State University (23-6, 11-5) defeated the Lady Bears (24-5, 12-4) 72-68 to ruin Baylor's Big 12 championship run.

"If you can't be champions, I guess second place is alright," head coach Kim Mulkey said in a resigned tone.

Down 12 points at one time in the second half, the Lady Bears battled back, taking a one-point lead three more times. However, every time they had a chance to extend the lead, they committed a turnover.

We had upperclassmen that had the ball in their hands and made bad decisions," Mulkey said.

On senior night, the lone graduating member of the Lady Bears, Austin point guard Angela Tisdale, compiled 18 points but didn't hit a single

3-pointer. Jessica Morrow, Kelli Griffin and Rachel Allison were the only ones to hit a shot from beyond the arc on Baylor's 3-19 shooting.

You just feel helpless," Mulkey

said. "(You want to) help them move, help them rebound, help them make that big shot ... we didn't get that big play. Oklahoma State did. Oklahoma State forced their fast

break mentality, scoring 43 points in the first and keeping the Lady Bears' defense frazzled as they hit 47 percent from the field.

The Cowgirls jumped out to a 43-36 lead, but Baylor knew it wouldn't last.

"We knew it was going to cool off, and that when we were going to make our move," Tisdale said.

The Lady Bears did just that, answering Óklahoma State's initial onslaught with a change in defense. The Big 12's leading scorer, Andrea Riley, had 19 points in the first, but

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# BSM to spend spring break serving Louisiana

By Belinda Colunga and Heather Fogt Reporters

answered a call to serve in trip and will lead the service an unlikely place this spring break. Plaquemines Parish in southern Louisiana has been overlooked in the rebuilding process after the hurricanes.

A group of 30 students and BSM staff members will leave Saturday morning to spend a week in FEMA trailers at Port Sulphur Baptist Church. Students from Texas A&M University will be working with them throughout the week.

A block party will be held Sunday at the church as a way of interacting with one another and the community. The group will lead in activities such as

games, crafts and Bible stories of Christ." geared to bring the churches in the area together.

Harold Clark, BSM mission-Baptist Student Ministries ary in residence, organized the

"I hope the students in the group will think about what it means to be a follower of Jesus and live out the Great Commission, which is not only verbal, but also in actions," Clark

During the week, students will rebuild six hurricane-damaged homes. Professionals at each site will coordinate small groups in roofing, framing, painting and more.

They don't have to have experience, only willingness to work," Clark said. "We want to show and express the love

Besides taking their basic personal items, the group will also take hammers, screw guns, donated clothes and painting supplies.

The Steppin' Out committee supplied the painting supplies for the group to use.

'We want them to come back and live in a nice house,' Clark said.

Brandon Lund, a Muskogee, Okla., junior, is a small-group Lund said he is looking for-

ward to the bond that comes from serving and sharing Christ with other students.

"I see my role as more of an encourager than anything else, keeping people's heads up,'

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Luiz Noble/Lariat staff

Alumna Kellie Fischer, chief financial officer of the Texas Rangers spoke to a strategic management class Thursday about her career in professional sports.

# Texas Rangers CFO talks life after Baylor

By Ashley Killough

Alumna Kellie Fischer, chief financial officer of the Texas Rangers, spoke to students Thursday about her tenure with professional sports teams, life beyond public accounting and career path after graduating Baylor.

Fischer addressed a senior level strategic management class taught by Dr. Steven Bradley, professor of management and entrepreneurship. Kellie is a real world example of how our alumni make important strategic decisions," Bradley said. "She's also a great example of what Baylor graduates can accomplish."

Fischer oversees all financial matters, as well as information technology, purchasing and ticketing operations for the Texas Rangers. She also serves as the vice president of Hicks Sports Group, the parent company for the Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars, and is responsible for all

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# Student Senate supports juicycampus.com ban on campus

By Sommer Ingram

Members of Student Senate put their support behind a resolution to block a popular online forum, juicycampus.com, at Thursday night's meeting.

The site is an anonymous forum designed to be a place where students can go to a page specified for their particu-

lar school and post comments, true or untrue, about campus going-ons. It has developed into a gossip site where people post defamatory comments with the comfort of knowing they will remain anonymous.

Content of the site ranges from comments about alcohol and drug abuse to racist slurs, to stories detailing sexual escapades over weekend breaks and more often than not singles students out by first and last name.

"As a senior, I've never seen anything like this site before," said San Antonio senator Jessica Lutrell, author of the support resolution. "It's libelous and unnecessary and blackens people's reputations. I think Baylor needs to distance itself from this."

The support resolution states that since there is no accountability, no moderator and no way to retract or edit libelous posts, the site should be blocked from any on-campus computer

"If we put our support behind banning this site, I think it can deter people," Lutrell told the senators. "We don't want to cultivate the kind of culture and community the site promotes."

Though the general consensus

among the senators was that the site is not beneficial to students or the image of Baylor as a whole, some believed that blocking the site would be an encroachment upon students' rights.

"I feel like this bill is attempting to do something that cannot be done," Oklahoma City freshman Anna Imose said. "As much as we'd like to say everything that goes on at Baylor is Christian, it's not. Banning this site is like Baylor is putting down an iron fist just because it shows a part of our university that isn't

Since Baylor has the most hits of any college on the web site, senator Andy Beall said this increases the sense of urgency about banning the site.

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Matthew Krol, 10, slides down a hill Thursday in Arcadia Park in far north Fort Worth.



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# Cold weather still looming, meteorologist says By Christina Kruse

Staff writer

According to KCEN-TV, today's forecast includes a slight chance of a flurry or early shower, then clearing up later, with a high near 50 degrees. Some students may have found snow on the roof of their car.

Today's forecast reflects recent drastic weather fluctuation. Earlier this week, students walking to class may have needed a coat

to shield against the early morning chill but the found the coat of little use by the afternoon.

"Cold weather is still trying to hang on while the warm spring weather is coming in," KCEN-TV chief meteorologist Andy Ander-

Also, students might have put away their winter attire in exchange for T shirts and shorts. However, this week's weather forecast was rainy and cold.

"I'm finding that I'm wearing

warmer clothes," Spring sophomore Kara Temple said.

Dr. Don Green, a meteorology professor, said that cooler air is reaching down from Canada to

However, Anderson said that the "tug-of-war" between warm and cool weather is expected in Texas during this time of year. "Overall, it's pretty average for us to have this weather.'

Even though Texas is used to this variation in weather, the nation is expecting cooler temperatures overall.

'We aren't having those warm, balmy days that we would expect by this time," Greene

Contrary to popular global warming beliefs, the average global temperature has dropped seven tenths of a degree in the past twelve months. It took 40 years for the earth to warm up to

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# Critics should realize media are just doing their job

We're the windows through which people experience the

We're the gatekeepers, questioners, leaders, writers and communicators. These are only a few of the many roles of jour-

However, as I journey on the path to becoming a professional journalist, I've noticed the public doesn't always perceive us in those ways. We're disliked for asking questions, our phone calls are ignored and our persistence is viewed as meddling.

And yes, I've had my phone calls ignored as well.

One professor told me that journalists hold the secondmost hated job after dentists. Is it because the public feels we invade privacy, expose hidden truths or shape public opinion? Besides it being our job and our natural curiosity, we believe it's our duty to inform the public on issues affecting their lives.

Who else will provide indepth coverage of the automobile accident clogging up the highway, or when the city's next project will be funded with our

I've often heard the public blame the media for inaccuracy, unprofessionalism and a lack of objectivity. What about reporters being informative and connected with the everyday life of



the city?

Some people have said reporters only cover negative news and often forget about positive events. According to a blog in the New Media Musing Web site, journalists are blamed for "making people feel unim-

It may seem that way, but I've been taught only certain stories are considered newsworthy, a quality that makes people pick up a newspaper. For instance, the more prominent, unusual, impacting or even tragic it is, the more newsworthy.
It is sad, I know, but when a

local teenager gets pregnant it's not considered news. However, if that teenager happens to be Jamie Lynn Spears, then that becomes news, because Spears is famous. It's called promi-

While reading an article in USA Today, I noticed that former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld criticized reporters for "negative reporting" because they were not doing enough to

What about giving war reporters credit for being courageous, informative and taking

Although I may sound like a schoolgirl whining about a C on a paper, the truth is, reporters work really hard in trying to cover every detail of a story. They may even put their lives at

Unfortunately, some of the best journalists have lost their lives in the process of providing the public with in-depth coverage of the war.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists Web site, 125 journalists have been killed on duty and 51 abducted in the Iraq war since March 2003. Some are still being held

While some people criticize reporters for not doing enough

to cover a story, others feel journalists sometimes cross the Journalists may seem like they are invading privacy, but they are just doing their job and reporting what the public needs

One thing is certain: the world would have a hard time informing themselves of true news without the media.

Belinda Colunga is a junior journalism major from Waco.

**Editorial** 

# Gym idea right on target

In the wake of Harvard University's recent decision to designate six hours a week for women-only in a campus gym, students are speaking out with cries of injustice. The hours were instituted at the request of six Muslim students who said exercising in front of men offends them and is against their religious beliefs of modesty. Several students, both male and female, have written opinion pieces in the Harvard Crimson calling the policy sexist and inconvenient.

The women-only hours occur three days a week, between 3 and 5 p.m. on Mondays, and between 8 and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While male students may find the exclusion to be inconvenient, the new policy is far from unjust or sexist.

Campus spokesman Robert Mitchell said this gym is the university's "least used" and is located at the edge of campus. Harvard has multiple gyms and the new policy only affects one of them. Male students wishing to exercise during the six hours they are denied use of one gym need only choose a different treadmill to meet their workout needs.

Even though all students pay the same fees to use campus facilities, it is not unreasonable to expect religious accommodations. Mitchell said the university routinely receives requests from religious groups and tries "to honor them whenever possible." In this case, student objections neglect the rights of Muslim students to enjoy the freedom to exercise in a manner consistent with their beliefs.



In a progressive institute of higher learning, it should be expected that students of all beliefs have the right to express themselves in a reasonable manner. These women were not asking for men to be banned from every gym or even for certain hours each

Junior Nick Wells suggested in an opinion column that one room should be designated for women only rather than using the entire facility for several hours. This argument neglects the

fact that female students would still interact with males in the workout environment when entering and exiting, which is part of the complaint. Under the current policy, even the staff during the designated hours is female only.

Furthermore, limiting Muslim students to one room shows little compassion for an already marginalized segment of society. In a post-Sept. 11 world, American Muslims have a difficult enough time expressing their

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faith without fear of offending others. This policy allows female Muslim students to be part of the university scene without compromising their faith.

Their request was sensitive to other students' need to exercise, and the policy is minimally disturbing of the campus as a whole.

Since Harvard aspires to attract the best and the brightest from all over the world, it is logical that it would enact policies that meet the needs of all its students.

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#### BU Fans acted like children

As disappointed as I was in the score of yesterday's A&M game, I was even more disappointed in the conduct of our fans. We showed very poor taste and were simply an embarrassment to Baylor, our players and the God we claim to serve.

On top of that, this game was broadcasted on ESPN and was our senior night. No matter how poor a call is, it is not our place to try to correct it, and throwing trash onto the court is absolutely NEVER warranted.

I have full faith in Coach Drew, the coaching staff and the players to stand up for themselves on the court. I expect toddlers to throw temper tantrums (or perhaps trash) when things do not go their way, but I expect more of my peers. To those of you who wish to act like 2-yearolds, it's time to grow up. And please don't come to basketball games anymore.

Luke Womble Political science 2011

## Fan behavior embarrassing

As a Baylor alum and basketball fan, I was disappointed to see the Bears fall to Texas A&M vesterday. I was much more disappoint-

ed, however, at the ugly display by some Baylor fans throughout the game and following the loss. It's a shame that the nationally televised broadcast began by highlighting the character and integrity that it took to bring the program back from one of college sports worst scandals, and ended with a complete lack of sportsmanship from players and fans alike.

Baylor lost more than just a basketball game that night. We lost respect.

Online classes problematic

Nelson Staats

## Alumnus 2005

I take issue with your Feb. 29 editorial ("Minimesters are good start") asserting that online classes are the next step for Baylor.

The proliferation of online coursework is good for society generally: it should help more people get vocational training and retraining, easing entries and transitions in job markets.

It does not follow that this trend is one Baylor should follow.

While Harvard's extension program will doubtless aid non-traditional students in the community and take up some slack in the schedules of regular students, it will not improve the school's quality of instruction.

The perception that online courses are less educational has some basis in fact. One of the biggest selling points for any school is average class size.

At Baylor, we are fortunate in that we are almost guaranteed quality interaction with professors in advanced coursework and often have it early as well. It is interaction with scholars that matters here. And this makes

If we believe that education

is not only the passing of skills but also a sharing of persons, we will not be content with communicating information and knowledge but hope to impart wisdom. This is difficult to do by email and tele-presence.

Online coursework has its place and it one secondary to traditional, classroom educa-

William Caylor Economics 2009

#### Lillback to be commended

I would like to commend Professor Byron Johnson, director of the Institute of the Studies of Religion (ISR), for inviting Dr. Peter A. Lillback to speak at Baylor on the issue of church-state separation (Feb. 22, "Church and state friends, speaker explains").

Because Baylor has historically been associated with a particular, though contested, understanding of religious liberty, some people mistakenly believe that the university does not permit divergent views on the issue of church and state to be voiced on campus.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Dr. Lillback's lecture, and the enthusiasm with which it was greeted, shows that Baylor cherishes the free exchange of ideas on these important matters.

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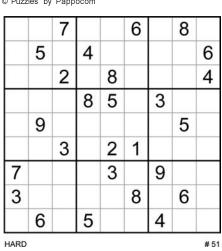
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For today's crossword and sudoku answers,

# Men regrouping for Texas Tech

**By Will Parchman** Sports editor

With the Big 12 tournament fast approaching, Baylor's 71-57 loss Wednesday to Texas A&M University further muddled the postseason picture.

Postseason picture.

A win Wednesday would have helped the Bears immense-

have helped the Bears immensely. It would've assured the Bears a winning Big 12 record and guaranteed that Baylor (20-9, 8-7) would finish no lower than fifth in the final regular season standings. Instead, Wednesday night turned into a worst-case scenario. Not only did Baylor's loss allow Texas A&M to creep back into the picture, but the University of Oklahoma also won on Wednesday. That created a three-way tie for fourth place, which is the final seed to earn a bye in the Big 12 conference tournament next weekend. Oklahoma and A&M both play at home Saturday. The Aggies face the University of Kansas while Oklahoma takes on the University of Missouri.

A win in the Bears' game against Texas Tech University Saturday in Lubbock — their final of the regular season — could go a long way in solidifying an NCAA Tournament slot.

"I'd say this will make us a

little more focused for Saturday's game," said junior guard Curtis Jerrells, who led Baylor scoring with nine points Wednesday. "And to understand that to be where we want to be, we have to win Saturday."

Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw sent out a press release Thursday addressing the hoopla surrounding the final several minutes of Wednesday night's Baylor-A&M game.

Two Aggie fans were ejected, three technical fouls were called, a brief scuffle broke out between the team's benches at

half court and the final seconds were punctuated by a Donald Sloan alley-oop dunk to himself with the game well in hand. The final event prompted fans to hurl soda bottles onto the court in protest.

"We will not tolerate fans throwing objects onto a playing surface at games," McCaw said in the release. "This is a classless act and endangers studentathletes, coaches and game officials. Anyone who is found to have thrown an object risks losing future ticket privileges to Baylor athletics contests."

Texas A&M head coach Mark Turgeon called the final sequence of events "ridiculous," while Baylor center Mamadou Diene called Wednesday's contest "the most physical game of the year."

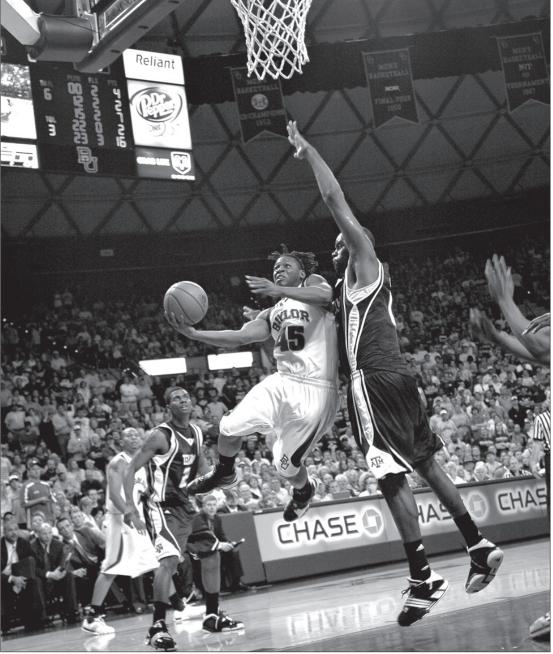
Now the Bears have to find a way to forget that emotionriddled night and focus on their last regular season tilt of the year. And this one couldn't be more important.

With the Bears firmly on the NCAA Tournament bubble, Saturday's game could decide whether Baylor is still playing basketball in two weeks. So head coach Scott Drew had his players practicing Thursday on a day that typically would have been an off-day.

"I think we needed one more (win) in the final two games (to make the NCAA Tournament)," senior guard Aaron Bruce said. "We'll wait and see what happens. It's an interesting situation. I would hate to be making the decisions. There's going to be a few upset people on Selection Sunday, I think."

Baylor last faced Tech in head coach Pat Knight's first game at the helm following the retirement of his legendary father, Bob.

Knight praised his team for



David Poe/Lariat staff

No. 45 guard Tweety Carter tries to score against Texas A&M University Wednesday night at the Ferrell Center. The Bears lost 71-57.

its effort following a 80-74 Baylor win on Feb. 6 as it struggled to adjust to a zone defense that his father never employed.

But with Tech at 7-8 in the Big 12, they'll be battling tooth-andnail Saturday to stay relevant in the conference mix.

Tech has since been a team of two sides, one encouraging,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

The Raveonettes

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5 p.m. @ The Mohawk \*free\*

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the other devastatingly bad. Two days after upsetting Big 12-leading University of Texas 83-80, the Red Raiders lost Monday by 58 points to No. 6 Kansas.

Already losing by almost 30 at halftime, Knight said while walking off the court that Tech was using the rest of that game as preparation for Baylor.

SXSW

The South By Southwest Music Conference and Festival will be March 12 through 16 in

If you're staying in the Lone Star State for Spring Break, check out some open shows:

Sara Bareilles

4 p.m. @ Waterloo Records

Tokyo Police Club

4:20 p.m. @ Emo's

Vampire Weekend

5 p.m. @ the Parish

The Donnas

5:15 p.m. @ the Dirty Dog Bar

Rocco Deluca

4 p.m. @ The Belmont \*free\*

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"I said to the guys last night in the locker room, there's no point in thinking just because we didn't win on Senior Night that the season has been a disappointment. It's just one loss," Bruce said. "We've just got to refocus ourselves and do what we can do right now, and that is prepare for Texas Tech."

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Noon—10 p.m. @ Waterloo Park

The Watson Twins

4:30 p.m. @ Home Slice Pizza

Willie Nelson

7 p.m. @ the Backyard

DJ Efren Ramirez (noon)

The Raveonettes (1 p.m.)

The Stills (4 p.m.)

@ Beauty Bar

(and others)

# Track star on road to prolific career

By Joe Holloway Reporter

"Who? Me?"

That's the question that Spring sophomore Nichole Jones' laugh seemed to ask when questioned for an interview.

She better get used to it. After graduating from Westfield High School a year early to come run for the Lady Bears track and cross-country teams, Jones appears to be on the fast track to a highly productive collegiate career.

In her first two years, Jones has already garnered four Big 12 titles, won both indoor and outdoor Big 12 Freshman of the Year honors, and earned All-American standing for the outdoor 800 meters and indoor distance medley relay.

She's come a long way since she first started running competitively at age 11.

"I only did it to be involved in some kind of extracurricular activity," Jones said. "So I wouldn't be lazy."

Now she's 18 and head coach Todd Harbour said that Jones is anything but lazy.

"She's all the things you look for in an athlete," Harbour said. "She's dedicated, very coachable and humble."

Quick to take the focus off herself, Jones seems to be interested in what she can do for the team more than anything else, and said she hopes to do it in a manner that represents her faith.

"I'd like to be a contribution in a way that encourages other people," she said. "I think a lot of my faith comes from just trusting in the Lord and I want to exemplify that on the team."

But even with an abundance of humility, it's hard for anyone as good as Jones to go unnoticed.

"She's young but she's already a leader on our team, spiritually and athletically," Little Rock, Ark. senior Lauren Hagans said. "We're really lucky and blessed that she came here."

Jones cited the Christian mission statement, the attitude of the coaches and "just the whole atmosphere" as to why she decided to come run for Baylor.

No one is happier to have her at Baylor than her coach, who chuckled when questioned about her role in the future of

"She could be one of the alltime bests in Baylor history. She's a natural leader. She comes in and takes care of business and gets the job done," Harbour

said.
She also earned all Big-12 honors for her third place overall finish in the women's 3,000 meter.

"I have aspirations to win it all four years," she said.

Now she will travel again to Fayetteville, Ark. with the rest of the Lady Bears to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships

March 14 and 15.

Her coach has no doubts that she will continue to be an asset to the entire team.

"She's the total package," Harbour said. "Pretty special."



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# Bread and soup fare for fundraising feast

By Crystal Hernandez Reporter

Students sticking around Waco for the break could be feasting. Caritas is celebrating another year of fighting poverty in central Texas with the annual Feast of Caring at 6 p.m. Thursday at Knox Hall.

Assistant executive director

of Caritas Buddy Edwards said this event marks the achievement and success of the previous year and also helps attendees sympathize with hungry clients.

Edwards said in order to commemorate the struggle the poor person endures, bread and soup will be served as vocal entertainment groups perform.

The theme for the 41st annual Feast of Caring is "Singing for Someone's Supper." The evening will feature special musical entertainment from the Waco High School Choir, the St. Louis Catholic Church Choir and the Gillis Family Choir.

Mary Duty from Poppa Rollo's will prepare the traditional Feast of Caring soup and Nelson Rue from Schmaltz's will be baking fresh bread for the meal.

Edwards said the Feast of Caring is intended to raise funds and awareness within the community to support a goal of \$50,000 toward relieving the pain of poverty in local neighborhoods.

"The Caritas system provides immediate emergency assistance. We're available to intervene at an exact moment in time so (clients) won't have to go to bed hungry at night, and they in

so (clients) won't have to go to bed hungry at night, and they can stay warm," Edwards said. Caritas' executive director Kenneth Moerbe said about a quarter of McLennan County is

now living at or below poverty

level. "Where there's poverty, there's hunger," Moerbe said.

Moerbe said many of the people he sees suffer from what is called food insecurity. They don't know where their next meal is going to come from.

"A lot of the folks are the working poor. They have a right to food as nutritious as those of us that can afford whatever we want," he said.

In the last seven years as executive director, Moerbe has tried to increase the nutritional quality of foods served, rather than serving mass quantities of non-nutritious food.

Moerbe said poor people have to make decisions every month about what's going to get paid and what's not.

Edwards said America's current economic crisis means more people will be facing economic loss. The future loss of jobs may leave people thinking they don't have anywhere to turn.

"Caritas is always going to be

"Caritas is always going to be here to provide services to people in dire emergency needs," he said.

Each month, Caritas helps more than 1,500 families stay clothed, warm and healthy, partly because of donations made at the Feast of Caring event.

No tickets are required to attend, but individuals coming to the event are invited to make donations of any amount to Caritas.

A recommended donation

A recommended donation is the amount that one would expect to spend at a nice restaurant for an evening meal.

"In our culture, we don't look in the corner that poverty lives in," Moerbe said. "It's important for all generations to understand economic conditions people face, both down the street and across the nation."

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## COLD from page 1

the amount it has currently cooled off to, Greene said.

Also, recent weather conditions have brought about concerns for spring break traveling.

"Spring break week will be a good week to get out of Waco," Anderson said.

Students traveling toward the Dallas/Ft. Worth area can expect icy road conditions.

"I'm hoping that it (the weather) doesn't get in the way of our plans," Ft. Collins, Colo., junior Katy Uhlrich said. Uhlrich plans on driving to the Dallas/Ft. Worth airport to fly to Colorado.

Those heading south may expect warmer travel weath-

"If you're heading for Padre, it looks good," Ander-

"I am looking forward to it being warmer in Mexico," Spring sophomore Kara Temple said, who is planning on taking a cruise to Cozumel. However, Temple is not looking forward to driving in this

The Texas Department of Transportation offers a map of Texas roads on their Web site, highlighting various road conditions such as ice and snow and flooding. In the northern area of Texas, the map indicates icy road conditions.

Returning from spring break, student can expect warmer weather. Anderson said that conditions are going to be "cool, but not overly cool."

Easter break weather will also continue to merit warmer temperatures.

## CFO from page 1

treasury management, financial reporting and forecasting.

She has worked for Hicks

Sports Group for nine years and is one of two women executives in the entire organization. "The highlight of my career

has been becoming an important member in the operations of two professional sports teams," Fischer said. "I am thrilled to be consulted on business decisions that impact our fans, operations and our finances."

Fischer credits her success with years of cultivating rela-

## **BU** from page 1

only added eight more in the second, partly due to Baylor's inability to defend the dribble penetration early on.

The second half changed.

"We were trying as much as possible to get a defensive shot (block)," Danielle Wilson said. "It was physical.' On one play, Melissa Jones and

Taylor Hardeman tangled their feet and fell to the court battling for position while the play continued elsewhere. After a scuff trying to regain their footing, Hardeman was called for a technical foul.

Allison, who had just one point in the first, got involved hitting four field goals, including a 3-pointer that put the Lady Bears up 64-63 with 5:15 left.

The Lady Bears stayed close,

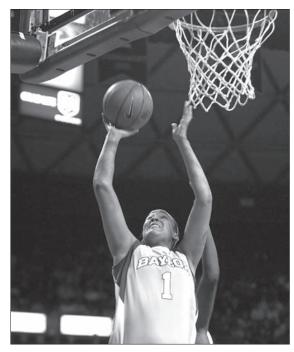
watching their lead evaporate into a two-point deficit with 1:03

Then Cowgirl center Maria Cordero ended Baylor's hopes, lobbing the ball at the rim for a two-point dagger.

'We kid her saying we're going to buy her green contacts because she always plays Baylor tough," head coach Kurt Budke said of her nine-point, two-steal perfor-Baylor will claim the second

seed in the Big 12 tournament, which will meet either the University of Texas or Texas Tech University, at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. Texas and Texas Tech will play at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

"One beat us one out of two and we won twice against Texas Tech," Mulkey said. "Three teams from the south battling it out again."



more forward Jessika Bradley goes up strong during the OSU/ Baylor match up Thursday night at the Ferrel Center.

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Alex Song/ Lariat staff

## **BAN** from page 1

"If we don't do this, who will?" she said. "I want to protect my friends who have to look over their shoulders in class at people looking up spiteful comments about them on their laptops. It's not conducive to a positive learning environment or a Christian environment that we strive for here at Baylor."

Other sites affiliated with Baylor, such as BU Books and Baylor Fans are also open forums for discussion. A point of contention in the debate was whether these sites are comparable to Juicy Campus.

Professors have feelings too, and I know there are some pretty horrible things said on BU Books," Lindale junior Nicole Yeakley said. "If you

SARAH. HEY, UM, HOW ARE YOU?

GREAT! JUST BUSY WITH CLASS & WORK

break these Web sites down to their bare essentials, if you put all your emotions aside and forget all the things written on Juicy Campus about your friends, there is no difference between these Web sites.'

Despite the Senate's support of this resolution, Juicy Campus and other Web sites like it still may retain the power to promote unhealthy rumors and taint reputations.

I LIKE YOU SO BAD ... }

RAD. WELL, WE SHOULD HANG OUT BUT IT'S SPRING BREAK TOMORRO SO WE SHOULD DO IT LATER.

(YEAH! SURE!

"I think you'll find that you can go to plenty of Web sites on our network that Baylor doesn't support," Yeakley said. "I don't think you should be looking at this bill as 'well if we don't ban it then Baylor is supporting it.' Honestly I think that if we ban this, we have to ban BU Books, Baylor Fans, and every website that comes after it. I guarantee you this will not be the last . Web site of its kind.'

HAVE A GOOD BREAK!

### Godspeed by Ben Humeniuk



Fischer earned her degree in

accounting and worked for four

years at PricewaterhouseCoo-

pers LLP as an auditor. She

joined the Rangers in 1999 as

controller and moved her way

up to controller for both the

at Baylor taught her not only

practical knowledge but social

and the most pertinent class I

took," Fischer said. "But also

working a part-time job and

Fischer said her experience

"Business law was critical

Stars and Rangers in 2002.

her peers.

skills as well.

tionships and respect among participating in extracurricular activities, like group projects A 1995 Baylor graduate, and being part of a sorority,

> how to interact with people." While Fischer said she's not involved in the negotiations of players' salaries, one of her jobs is to help Tom Hicks, owner of the Hicks sports group, make hiring decisions with "eyes wide open" and a clear understanding of everything that's involved

helped me learn flexibility and

Touching on the steroid scandal, Fischer said while it has affected baseball in general, it has not necessarily influenced individual sports teams.

"It's costing the sport a lot of money, as far as the research involved, but we're not really seeing it at the Rangers," Fis-

In response to students' questions regarding the advantages of working in the sports business, Fischer said she has the opportunity to attend all the games for both the Rangers and Štars, and interacts with fellow executives on a regular basis.

Fischer also talked about the hiring of the Rangers' newest executive, Nolan Ryan.

When asked about her preferred type of management style, Fischer said she refrains from micromanagement, where the leader is involved and oversees every minute of a team's productivity. "I put a lot of trust and faith

in the people who work with me, and I couldn't have gotten this far without them," Fischer Fischer said many of her col-

leagues started working with the Rangers as interns in the ticket office, and she stressed the importance of gaining experience at an early age.

Bryan Apgar, a senior who interned for the Texas Rangers last year, was particularly interested in Fischer's presentation.

# **BSM** from page 1

Lund said.

Plaquemines Parish has been ignored for two years in the rebuilding process. A refrigerator remains stuck in a tree, Clark said.

Rebuilding the community is not due to economic reasons, said Deridder, La., senior Rachel Ozsoy.

However, Ozsoy is still

very excited about participating in this mission, she

She's returning to her home state to help in the rebuilding process. "I feel this is a very good

way to give back to the Louisiana community," Ozsoy She said her family was

affected by Hurricane Rita

in 2005. The power was out for two weeks and a tree went through her mom's office. Her extended family came to her house for showers, and they couldn't travel because gas was not available. Work and school were canceled. "As a Christian, I think

God calls us to help those in need," Ozsoy said. "This is a physical and tangible way to help people with our time and capabilities that we

Their theme is service, Clark said. Besides its Sunday event, the group will strictly be dedicated to rebuilding homes, he said. Service is a way of coming

closer to Jesus, Lund said.

'(It's) God becoming a human and giving up every right he had to show sacrificial love," he said. "That's what we're called to do."

#### "It was interesting to hear about how she moved her way up in the sports business, because that's exactly what I want to do," Apgar said.

Fischer recommends that students who want to pursue a path in finance operations gain some experience either through public accounting or invest-

ment banking. 'These are tried and true entry level positions that can give some insight into how different companies run their operations," Fischer said. "The earlier you can grasp the big picture of a company, the more value you can add."

# Times Square letters investigated

By Matt Apuzzo

WASHINGTON - Capitol Hill offices received letters Thursday containing a photo of the Times Square military recruiting office before it was bombed and including the claim "We Did It."

The manila envelopes contained a photo of a man standing in front of the recruiting station before it was bombed. The photo was the kind commonly sent as a holiday greeting card, according to a Democratic aide who spoke on condition of anonymity because the matter is under investiga-

The message on the card: "Happy New Year, We Did It." The envelope also contained

sneets of paper that seemed to be a political manifesto railing against the Iraq war and a booklet. The aide didn't know what the booklet was. A second aide, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said similar letters arrived in as many as 10 offices.

Capitol Police, FBI and U.S. Postal Inspection Service were investigating. In an e-mail to lawmakers, Capitol Police said the envelopes went through the standard security process. That process, which involves radiating incoming mail, can easily take a week or more, making it likely the letters were mailed well ahead of the bombing.

The small bomb caused minor damage to the New

a packet of approximately 10 York military recruiting station before dawn Inursday and police were searching for a hooded bicyclist seen on a surveillance video pedaling

> Each envelope was stamped with two \$1 stamps and contained a while label with a return address, which the police did not identify in the e-mail. Police said the letters were safe and did not contain

> threats to lawmakers. The man in the photo was thin, white with graying hair, wearing a striped flannel shirt and jeans, the Democratic aide said. A law enforcement official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is ongoing, confirmed some of the contents of the letters as described by the aide.



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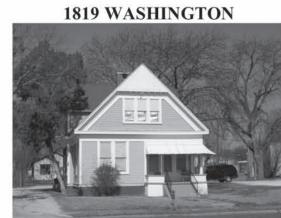
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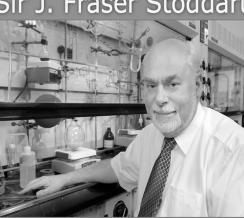
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