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Definition of victory up for debate

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

Today marks an anniversary that isn't generally celebrated. Exactly five years ago the United States declared war on Iraq. President Bush stated in his 2003 declaration that no outcome but victory would be accepted. Five years later the question has become what would be

considered a victory.

At the time the war was easy to support because of its connection to Sept. 11, said Jonathan Tran, an assistant professor of Christian ethics.

That date has iconic power in America, and Americans tend to be a bloodthirsty people when attacked, he said.

"They bombed us so we're going to bomb the hell out of them. And that's precisely what we did," Tran said.

What the American public now recognizes is that the country went into the war thinking it could win easily because it seemed like it would be a simple and military war, Tran said.

"The reality that now we're facing is that we've entered into a civil reality, namely the sectarian warfare among the Muslims, that we have no cultural legs to understand them," he said.

In the first war in Iraq the goal

was to get Saddam out of Kuwait, Tran said. Once that was accomplished, America pulled its troops out of Iraq.

Now, with the absence of weapons of mass destruction, the justification for staying in Iraq has become that we should finish what we've started. Except it's unclear what that means, Tran said.

"Are we there for weapons of mass destruction? Are we there for terrorism? Are we there to make the place safe for democracy? Are we there to recreate economic stability in the region? Are we there for American oil purposes?" Tran said.

"All these reasons are in there, but because we don't have a clear agenda, it's unclear when we'll ever be able to leave," he said.

Col. Danny Leonard, chairman of the Baylor Air Force ROTC, said from a military perspective, soldiers are simply fighting a war the American public tells them to.

"Our job is to prosecute our nation's wars to the extent that our nation is behind it," he said.

Soldiers simply carry out the tasks handed down to them from the commander in chief, Leonard said. There are areas of the coun-

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years later

Women's role in war still debated

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

Women have been fighting for equality for centuries. However, controversy still surrounds how that fight translates onto a battlefield.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Army War College released a survey of over 200 students regarding women in combat. The survey covered the students' knowledge and opinions of ground combat restrictions for female soldiers.

The Army Policy for the Assignment of Female Soldiers states that women are allowed to serve in any position they're qualified for, provided that they're not in a unit given a mission to rou-

tinely engage in direct combat.

Houston freshman John Fox agreed that he'd prefer women to not be on the front lines and in harm's way.

But, 70 percent of the students surveyed felt that this policy should be revised.

This is partially due to changes from row-by-row wars fought on a battlefield to smaller and more mobile groups moving to wherever the fight may be at the moment.

With this style of combat used in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's difficult to know where exactly the front lines are, making it harder to assign women to units that won't be engaging in direct combat, said Col. Danny Leonard,

chairman of the Baylor Air Force ROTC.

An example Leonard gave of this was of a woman actively serving as a chemical officer for the Army.

"Being a chemical officer she goes out, she carries a weapon, but there's not combat going on right where she's at. That doesn't mean she can't be shot at at any moment," he said. "There's no clear line of good guys, bad guys, so where's your front line? Where are you placing women that they're not in harm's way? The answer is there's no place. If they're in the theater, they're in harm's way."

There has been a reversal of how the American public

feels toward women soldiers in that women casualties are now accepted as part of the price of war, observed Col. Christopher Putko, one of the creators of the survey.

In conjunction with this, 78 percent of the survey participants disagreed that female soldiers shouldn't be assigned to direct combat units to prevent exposure to trauma associated with combat.

"I don't see a difference in a female and a male if they can do the job," Leonard said. "But, we have to accept that the worst can happen. They can be killed, or one of the worst things we can

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Courtesy photo

The issue of women fighting in Iraq and on the front lines has gotten mixed reviews by the public for years. Seventy-eight percent of a survey of 200 students said female soldiers shouldn't be assigned to direct combat units.

Dorm renovation will open doors to men, women in fall

By Heather Fogt
Reporter

After a summer face-lift, Kokernot Residence Hall will open to both men and women for the first time this fall.

The project's goal is to enhance communication between members of Engaged Learning Groups by bringing men and women in closer quarters.

The \$2 million renovations will begin in Kokernot immediately after students move out this spring.

The funding is mostly from revenue generated from rent, said Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement.

Half of the rooms on the first

floor will be removed, allowing the extra space to be used for a faculty-in-residence apartment, faculty offices and a 40-seat classroom, Shushok said.

Community space will be added to the second and third floors with study areas and conference meeting rooms.

Other changes include accessibility for students with disabilities as well as landscaping.

"It's been a residence hall that has been in need of attention physically," Shushok said.

Despite housing men and women, Kokernot will still adhere to Baylor standards of same gender housing.

"It is not a co-ed residence hall," Shushok said. "It really is two build-

ings under one name with a shared lobby, just like the way architects put together Heritage House for the Engineering and Computer Science LLC."

Currently freshman men in ELGs live in Penland Residence Hall. Freshman women live in Collins Residence Hall.

After the first year, participants have the option to live off campus or in North Village.

Faculty partners in the ELG program said it was difficult to create a single community between men and women.

Participants of three new ELGs will live in Kokernot next year for

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Alex Song/Lariat staff

A Kokernot resident enters the residence hall Tuesday. Kokernot will be renovated this summer and turned into Engaged Learning Group housing.

Handgun laws could change come June

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

A line of more than two hundred people formed outside the U.S. Supreme Courthouse on Monday in order to witness a case dealing with firearm possession. Nine U.S. Supreme Court justices will decide whether the District of Columbia has the constitutional right to ban handguns. The court's decision is expected in June.

In March, a federal appeals court overturned D.C.'s illegalization of concealed handguns, ruling the ban unconstitutional. The District of Columbia's ban states that the second amendment was intended to protect the militia's right to bear arms exclusively, not the individual citizen.

The second amendment states, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Presently, certain gun restrictions are left up to the states. In Texas, citizens are not allowed to carry a handgun on university campuses, secured airport areas, polling facilities or racetracks.

"I personally think it's out there," said Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak in reference to Washington D.C.'s restriction on their citizen's right to carry a concealed gun. "The Supreme Court is being gracious in listening."

When Washington D.C.'s gun ban was enacted in 1976, 136 firearm-related deaths were reported. In 2007, District of Columbia reported 143 gun related murders. Also, the US Census Bureau listed the District of Columbia as having the highest crime rate in the nation.

"Look at who has the highest crime rate in the

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Storms soak Texas, bring DFW air traffic to a crawl

By Anabelle Garay
The Associated Press

DALLAS — A series of storms packing strong winds and heavy rains hit North Texas on Tuesday, grounding hundreds of flights, forcing an airport control tower to evacuate briefly and sending floodwaters spilling into Dallas-area streets. Authorities were also searching for a teen who was apparently swept away by flood waters.

Street flooding was reported around the Dallas-Fort Worth area

Hundreds of people in Lancaster, located just south of Dallas, were advised to evacuate their homes as nearby Ten Mile Creek rose.

In Mesquite, emergency officials from there and Balch Springs were searching for a 14-year-old apparently swept away by flood waters as he and a friend played in a creek earlier Tuesday afternoon. The missing teen's friend, who was able to swim to safety, said he saw his friend get sucked into a drainage pipe, according to a news release from the Mesquite Fire Depart-

ment.

Winds of more than 100 mph briefly were reported at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, where lightning struck a ramp earlier Tuesday. Airport officials said the strongest winds occurred in microbursts and caused no damage.

More than half of the 950 flights for all airlines scheduled to depart DFW on Tuesday were canceled, airport officials said. More than 100 incoming flights were diverted.

"This is one of the most vicious thunderstorms DFW has seen in

quite some time, especially its ongoing intensity," said airport spokesman Ken Capps. "Add in two snow storms in the past two weeks and this has been one of the most unusual early spring weather patterns in years. We know it can be frustrating for passengers, but everyone's top priority is their safety."

It's unclear how many travelers were affected by the cancellations, but airport officials estimate

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Juicy Campus brings junior-high pettiness to college

In sixth grade, the hottest trend was the slam book. Rather than passing notes in class, girls would share a spiral filled with gossip, rumors and girl talk. Decorated with glitzy stickers and magazine cut-outs of teenage boppers, the slam book became an obsession for many and a burden for most.

Much like the Burn Book from the movie "Mean Girls," the slam book was callous and exclusive. The boys would often steal the books, and, out of cruelty, show them to the girls who were written about. People also would carelessly leave the books laying around for anyone to read.

You can imagine the outrage this caused. Parents constantly

complained of their daughters coming home in tears, and friendships were ripped apart by the secrets revealed in the pernicious pages. The books became such a distraction that the school banned them, and teachers could confiscate them at will.

Sadly, these books contributed to self-esteem issues for an entire generation of middle school-aged girls.

Now, with the emergence of JuicyCampus.com, the slam book has become digitalized.

In high school, many of us realized that the wasted time spent writing notes was unproductive. We crossed a threshold of maturity when we became more involved in our studies

point of view



BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

or activities rather than the scandalous details of our classmates.

Unfortunately, Juicy Campus has taken us back to a level of immaturity.

I'm ashamed that this Web page has infiltrated our community. With its trashy temptations grabbing hold of Baylor students, the site has become a scar on human dignity.

No one would ever get away with saying these things in

public, so why has it become acceptable to post them in anonymity? Satan has found a way to capture and expose our sinful nature by providing a cowardly, unhealthy outlet to express hidden feelings or to make up false accusations.

Juicy Campus is not juicy—it's slimy. If you think it's okay to allow this site as your "guilty pleasure," then you're wrong. It's hurtful and it affects thousands, as everyone has access to it and nothing can be deleted.

I've heard people try an array of reasons to justify it: "Oh, I just look at it, I would never write anything," or "I just look to see if anything was posted about me." It doesn't matter—you're still feeding it with hits,

and your attention encourages its growth.

As a journalist, I'm all about freedom of speech. But I also believe that along with freedom comes responsibility. It's up to us to stop this disease from infecting the Baylor community and our own minds.

So, you have a choice. You can either partake in it and prolong the pain, or you can reject the site and rise above the pettiness.

You can either spend your free time at the maturity level of a sixth grade girl, or you can find something more productive to do, which in this case is practically anything.

Fortunately, Student Senate supported a resolution a couple

weeks ago that would be in favor of blocking the Web site from on-campus networks. This measure would protect Baylor's integrity and make it easier for students to monitor themselves.

Thomas Paine once wrote, "Character is much easier kept than recovered."

If you've had the decency to refrain from this distraction, then keep at it. Your conscience will thank you.

But if you are one of those people who actually has written something nasty on there, then I suggest you grow up before a lawsuit or a taste of your own poison makes you.

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Editorial

More work needed for living wage campaign

In November 2004 the first whispers of implementing a living wage reached campus. Sadly, nearly four years later the volume on the conversation is still turned way down. This is not because of a lack of effort by the student body or members of the faculty, but the result of inaction by President John Lilley and the Baylor Board of Regents.

A December 2006 memorandum from the Adequate Wage Task Force to Lilley recommended a four-year wage adjustment plan based on extensive research. No action was taken.

After several years of conversations among theological, economic and sociological lines the Adequate Wage Task Force outlined a comprehensive plan to implement a gradual increase of the hourly wage paid to full-time service workers. Those workers are contracted out to Crothall and Aramark, and Baylor would give money to those companies with the understanding that it would be used to supplement the workers' wages.

The task force was co-chaired by Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, and included Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration. It estimated costs and conducted research exploring living wage issues at other universities as well as worker motivation and productivity in industry jobs.

The plan was slated to begin in 2007 with an increase to \$7 per hour and eventually achieve a rate of \$10.40 by 2010. It considered the cost of living in Waco, federal poverty guidelines and the possibility of wage compression.

But after reviewing 59 strategic proposals in September, establishing a living wage just didn't make it to the top of our Christian university's agenda. Nine other proposals were selected, including those for four new graduate programs, expansion of research programs and an expansion of the

Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion. Apparently, we are comfortable investing money in religion as long as it stays on paper.

According to an article in the Sept. 18 issue of *The Baylor Lariat*, "The cost of the 9 approved plans will total \$20 million over the course of 10 years." According to the memorandum given to Lilley, the cost projection for four years of a living wage would be slightly more than \$5 million.

In a meeting with the *Lariat* editorial board on Feb. 29, Lilley said the conclusion of the executive council was that "the wage increase could not be guaranteed every year down the road," but the issue would be reviewed every year. If the results of this year's "review" are any indication of the future, chances are slim that the increase will ever pass.

The purchasing power of the minimum wage now — \$5.85 — is 32 percent lower than in 1966, according to the Labor Department's consumer price index. Considering inflation, it would take about \$8.65 in 2008 to buy what the minimum wage of \$1.30 did in 1966.

The current gradual rate of the federal minimum wage increase is not sufficient to provide a true living wage when accounting for quality-of-life guidelines in Waco. While we cannot change the economic priorities of a nation, we can make life a little better for Baylor's working class.

Although Lilley said he supports the task force, which was established under Interim President Bill Underwood in fall 2005 and continued under Lilley's leadership, he has yet to take any action in favor of the wage raise.

Congress passed a measure last May that would increase the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 over two years. In the meeting with the editorial board, Lilley said the



federal minimum wage increase temporarily offset the university's need to address it, although the issue would be revisited yearly. But his complacency with a raise of a mere 70 cents is diametrically opposed to the tenets of the task force.

While the economic cost of implementing a living wage is not small, the injustice of our current wages is larger still. The task force memorandum stated, "We cannot shield part of our operations from what the Christian message requires." As Christians, we must do better than simply meeting the "minimum" requirements established by the federal government.

Even though a living wage has been successfully implemented at numer-

ous universities, such as Harvard, Stanford, Georgetown and Wesleyan, our administration has thus far denied the necessity and feasibility of such an undertaking.

Ironically, this inaction takes place alongside the near-conclusion of Baylor 2012, which is supposed to send us to the top tier of higher education. If we really want to be part of the big leagues, then we shouldn't just aspire to Ivy-league academics but social justice as well.

To show a love that is truly extravagant, we cannot afford to be stingy. We do not have the luxury of hiding behind federal mandates and settling for the legal minimum we pay service workers. Our call is much higher than that.

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BU tournament bid reflects Big 12's strength

Along with 300 other Baylor fans Sunday night, I sat in the Ferrell Center listening to both my heart's thump and Bryant Gumbel's voice listing every school in the NCAA tournament.

The first to go was the University of Kansas, receiving a top seed in the Midwest bracket. Then Kansas State University was selected in what bills to be a future NBA match up with Wildcat Michael Beasley taking on O.J. Mayo and the University of Southern California Trojans.

As each bracket filled, the tension stiffened. The University of Texas, the University of Oklahoma and Texas A&M University all found themselves dancing, but nothing had been heard

sports take



BY BRIAN BATEMAN

of the Bears until just one spot was left. With a loud roar, the Ferrell Center erupted as the Bears were selected to play Purdue University, a huge accomplishment for Baylor.

We've all had the story of the Bears drilled into our heads, so I'll refrain from piling on. However, what is impressive is the turnaround that the Big 12 conference has had recently.

With six teams from the men's side and an astonishing eight teams on the women's, the Big 12 conference has changed from a one-team league to a league with depth.

Since the league's inception in 1997, the Big 12 has received more than five men's tournament bids just four times: 2008, 2005, 2002 and 2001. Meanwhile, the women's bracket has included on average six teams per year.

Compare that with the other major conferences. This year, the Atlantic Coastal Conference combined for 10, the Pacific-10 had nine and the Southeastern Conference had 11. The lowest of the major conferences was the Big 10, which had the bare minimum eight

bids. Only the Big East had more than the Big 12, clocking in 16 conference teams for the tournaments.

Texas and Kansas still have a strong hold on the conference championship every year, but talent is blooming elsewhere in the conference.

Beasley, who is widely regarded as the top pick in the NBA draft, chose Kansas State. Acie Law led the Aggies last year, while LaceDarius Dunn looks to be the man to lead the Bears for the next few years.

Don't be surprised if the Big 12 is just as strong next year.

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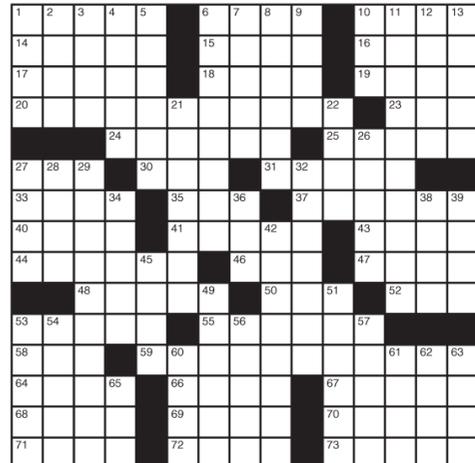
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Not the dog days yet

A student jogs in the rain with her dog Tuesday. A cold front swept in during the afternoon, bringing copious amounts of rain.

Religion professor honored with award

Kate Thomas
Reporter

The John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Award was given this year to someone who knew him.

Bill Bellinger, chair of religion and holder of the W. Marshall and Lulie Craig Chair in Bible received the award, which was presented by the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, from the American Academy of Religion.

Bellinger, who knew Gammie as a scholar in the mid-1980s and described him as "a fine scholar and gentleman," said he was surprised to receive the award.

"I just appreciate my colleagues' support for this," Bellinger said.

The winners of the award must be "recognized by their peers ... for the quality and importance of their work," according to the American Academy of Religion Web site. In addition, the nominees must be in a participating society or part of the AAR faculty or staff.

"I am happy to say that I

think he well deserves the it," said James Kennedy, an associate professor in the religion department. "Not only is he a good scholar, but he is a good enabler of scholars."

He's a good department chair as well, associate professor Paul Marten said.

"As a department chair he is as good as one can ask for," Marten said. "He's encouraging. I only have good things to say."

Bellinger came to Baylor in 1984 and is an Old Testament specialist.

He earned his master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, S.C., and his doctorate in 1981 from the University of Cambridge in England, where he studied the Old Testament, according to the Baylor Web site.

He has also studied the Psalms at the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana.

He was previously named Outstanding Tenured Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1996 and Outstanding Professor in the category of research in 2000, according to the Baylor Web site.

Baylor triumphs in domain dispute

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

John Stipe, a Baylor alumnus, was notified Sunday of an arbitration order that he relinquish his Baylor domain names to the university within 10 days.

The National Arbitration Forum, which handles domain-name disputes for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, sided with the university's stance that Stipe's domain names are similar enough to Baylor-owned sites that Internet surfers could be misled. The domain names include baylorbearsuck.com, baylorbears.biz, baylorbears.name, baylorbears.net and baylorbears.tv.

Stipe bought the expired domain names for close to \$15 each, he said, from an online list of expired domain names.

Although the URLs were expired, Kit Riehl, assistant general counsel, said Stipe did not have rights to them.

"This was a case of Mr. Stipe

using Baylor's property without permission. If you park your car on campus and head off to class I am not free to take your car and use it while you are busy in class. Similarly, just because Baylor currently is not using a domain name that contains one of her marks does not mean Mr. Stipe or anyone else is free to use that domain name," Riehl said.

Stipe purchased the domain names to set up a forum for employment and discussion for Baylor students and alumni.

But when he realized this idea would take more money than he could invest, he directed the domain names to the official site of the Texas A&M Aggies, he said.

Stipe said he redirected the sites as a joke, but the arbitrators looked unfavorably upon the action.

"(The) Respondent's playful joke of redirecting visitors to each of the five sites to the Web site of Texas A&M shows that Respondent is contemptuous of these proceedings, and views

them merely as an opportunity to harass Baylor University for his own amusement. This clearly is an abuse of the process and warrants a finding of bad faith," wrote the arbitration panel in the case decision document.

As of this writing, all the domain names still directed to the Aggies athletics site.

In addition to considering that the action was a light-hearted one, Stipe argued that he has legitimate interests in the domain names, given his alumni status.

The arbitrator disagreed with Stipe on this point as well.

"(The panel) specifically found that Mr. Stipe's argument that he is a 'Baylor Bear' due to his alumni status was 'not at all well taken,'" Lori Fogleman, director of media relations, said.

The arbitration panel didn't trust Stipe's claim that he bought these sites for establishing a forum for Baylor students and alumni.

"By contrast, the facts reveal

that upon acquiring the names Respondent (Stipe) began advertising them for sale for \$10,000 to \$25,000, an amount clearly in excess of his out-of-pocket costs," the arbitrator wrote in the case decision document.

Stipe said he did advertise the domain names for this price, and that the arbitration panel looks down upon the practice of selling a URL for profit.

Stipe said he did not contact the university to sell back the domain names, proving his intent was to launch a forum.

The arbitration panel said it didn't trust this claim, either.

"Respondent's actions in redirecting each of the domain names to the Texas A&M site further undercuts any argument that the names were acquired to serve a legitimate business purpose," wrote the arbitrator in the case decision document.

Stipe said he would have been willing to relinquish the sites for a smaller profit, if university officials would have contacted him to do so.

H-E-B to distribute digital network converters

Victoria Mgbemena
Staff Writer

every household that registers through the store, which will cover the cost of the converter.

"We are taking our customers into consideration," said Cyndy Garza-Robert, Director for Public Affairs for Houston H-E-B locations. "H-E-B wanted to release the converters at a price that would be affordable for all of our consumers."

The converters will be available at participating H-E-B locations starting April 1. They cost \$39.95 each, but the price will be waived in exchange for a cou-

pon that customers can receive in the mail by registering at a participating store. Customers will then have to pay a \$5 tax fee.

"Since we launched the initiative, the responses that we are getting have been very positive," Garza-Robert said. "We are hearing that our customers appreciate the fact that we have the information they need to make the transition and are assisting with any questions they have regarding the application for the coupon program."

Houston senior Alex Karabinis said that having to convert to digital may not be well received by all at first. Karabinis already has digital television, choosing to get high definition television because it offers better quality.

"I think inevitably everyone will have to embrace it," Karabinis said. "Some people will be upset; converters are not cheap. It is extra money that the government will make people pay to watch television. The cable providers should be helping."

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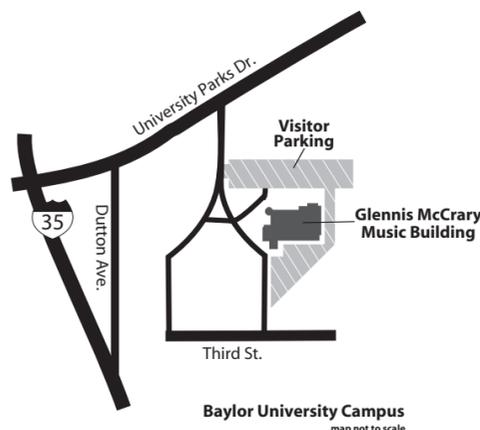
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try, however, where soldiers aren't appreciated. In places such as Berkeley, Calif., military recruiters are being asked to leave town.

"There's a lot of anti-war sentiment and it's starting to sound like Vietnam again, where they're starting to attack the soldiers for prosecuting this nation's wars. And that's the wrong target. We don't do it," he said.

However, Leonard said he hasn't experienced this stark of anti-war sentiment in Texas.

"Everywhere I go people still shake your hand and say thanks for serving," he said.

Alan Northcutt, a representa-

tive for Waco Friends of Peace, said he wants a timeline for troops getting completely out of Iraq.

"The people of this country and the people of Iraq want to end this war," Northcutt said. "Iraq is their country. We don't own Iraq. We don't own their oil. The war was wrong from the beginning."

Northcutt will be taking part in a peaceful protest of the war at 4:30 p.m. today, at the intersection of Waco Drive and Valley Mills. He said he expects 10 to 15 people at the protest with him.

"Rosa Parks was one person, so it doesn't take huge numbers to make a statement," Northcutt said.

An Iraqi man comforts his 4-year-old son at a regroupment center for POWs of the 101st Airborne Division near An Najaf, Iraq in this March 31, 2003 file photo.



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think of, be a prisoner of war."

Leonard said in situations where women and men are held prisoner in the same camps, women are now used to force men to talk.

"You torture the men by torturing the women that are caught in the prison camps at the same time," Leonard said. "I think it's kind of ingrained in men to protect women. And when you're in a situation like that you can't, so it's very, very hard on the men prisoners of war."

Lake Kiowa senior Lance Adsit, an Air Force ROTC cadet, agreed.

"It's been bred into most young men in America to be very cognizant of the well being of women. If this distracts them on the battlefield, then their eyes are off the mission and someone will get hurt," Adsit said.

Duncanville senior Mary Cienski, also an Air Force ROTC cadet, said she felt a woman prisoner of war could affect more than just the morale of her fellow prisoners.

"As terrible a situation as, for

example, Daniel Pearl, being captured and beheaded, could you imagine how much it would affect the morale of the United States and of the military if that were a female? It changes things," Cienski said.

Also, Cienski said while she believes men and women are equal in intellectual realms, she has mixed emotions about women serving on the front lines.

"I'm kind of an old fashioned kind of girl," she said. "I think there are certain kinds of women and certain personalities that probably could do it pretty well, but I would never want that necessarily. I mean if the Air Force told me to do that I would, but not voluntarily."

Alvin freshman Katy Turner said she felt women shouldn't be in combat, but she said there are plenty of other positions within the military they can fulfill overseas.

The group surveyed was 89 percent men and 11 percent women and included participants from every branch of the armed forces, Department of the Army Civilian and the Department of State.

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nation," said Doak. "Who has the guns? It's the bad guys."

"It seems that all nine justices agree that there is a fundamental right to own guns," said Allentown, Penn., junior Sam Chen, a political science major who watched the deliberations on CSPAN.

"When the court looks at this, they are specifically looking at a question of constitutionality," Chen said.

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the first year of the program. Groups will be focused on Computational Learning, Global Community, and Entrepreneurship and Creative Leadership.

ELGs are groups of up to 49 students who engage in an interdisciplinary topic with faculty for a period of up to four semes-

ters. Rishi Sriram, assistant director for academic initiative and housing administration, said he is excited about all the students being together "to get to know one another, to share vocation and calling together, to study together, and to really integrate what's going on in the classroom and out of the classroom."

Chen also said even though he supports stricter gun control, gun ownership is a fundamental constitutional right.

However, some believe that Washington D.C.'s ban on concealed guns is positive.

"It's a noble idea," New Braunfels sophomore Jose Valles said.

Furthermore, concealed handgun rights on university grounds has been debated because of recent campus shootings at Virginia Tech, leaving 32 dead, and Northern Illinois University, leaving 5 dead.

Currently, chapter 46 of Texas Penal Code states that citizens are prohibited from carrying firearms on college campuses.

The Baylor campus police have had no problems with students carrying concealed handguns on campus.

"It has not been an issue, which is a good thing," said Doak.

Presently, Utah is the only state that permits weapons at all public colleges. However, Oklahoma House of Representatives

recently approved legislation concerning handguns on campus. The bill allows individuals age 21 and over with a proper license to carry a concealed weapon on college campuses. This issue is currently before Oklahoma state senate.

Some students disagree with the idea that their fellow classmates have the right to carry a gun.

"It puts too many students at risk," Valles said. "There is too much room for things to go bad."

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"There'll be a substantial amount of interaction with faculty members and a strong sense of community," Shushok said.

Sherwood, Ark., freshman Bailey Eubanks is involved in the Film and Global Culture ELG this year.

Eubanks said the group helped ease the transition to college life. ELG members are

placed in the same Welcome Week group and live near each other in their halls.

He said he enjoys being around people outside of that group too, though.

"If I had my choice, I would definitely rather live in Penland," Eubanks said. "I would feel like I was missing out on meeting people who were not in the ELG."

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about 160,000 passengers pass through DFW each day.

By Tuesday afternoon, the FAA began allowing about 30 aircraft an hour to depart. But continuing lightning and strong winds may ground more flights Tuesday evening, airport officials said.

Federal Aviation Administration officials evacuated DFW's west tower for about 15 minutes after seeing a funnel cloud over a highway. A funnel cloud was also spotted over Lake Lewisville, just north of the airport.

At Dallas Love Field, some 20 Southwest flights were can-

celed. Another 20 were diverted and many other flights were delayed, at most for three hours, said airline spokeswoman Ashley Rogers.

In the Dallas suburb of Lancaster, Ten Mile Creek spilled its banks after daylong rains, flooding at least one house and leaving a handful of cars stuck in watery streets.

In Lancaster, a woman was rescued from her yard and four other people were rescued from their vehicles, said Ciciely Hickmon, a spokeswoman for the city.

She said that the city has called 687 phone numbers along Ten Mile Creek, telling residents that the creek has

reached its banks and advising them to evacuate.

In Red Oak, just south of Dallas, about 17 mobile homes were cleared out as a precautionary measure as Red Oak Creek continued to rise, said Renee Freeman, a communications supervisor for Red Oak police.

Dozens of streets were closed off in the Dallas area as waters continued to rise.

A Dallas Area Rapid Transit bus had to be abandoned by the driver and passengers when it became stranded in high water. Nobody was hurt.

South Dallas had around 4½ to 5 inches of rain by late afternoon, said Ted Ryan, a meteorologist with the National Weather

Service in Fort Worth. About 3 inches had fallen at Love Field, which is near downtown Dallas. The Fort Worth area got about 1 to 2 inches of rain, he said.

"The real heavy rain was from downtown Dallas southward," Ryan said.

He said that it looked like the heaviest rain was over and about ½ to 1 inch of rain was expected over the area in the evening.

Weather led to cancellation of college baseball games in Waco, Fort Worth and Abilene.

The pattern of storms was expected to move out by Wednesday morning, said Tara Dudzik, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

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Softball to start conference play

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

The Lady Bears' quest to play a home game is becoming a deliberate process.

Coming off of an eight-day road trip in which it played eight games, Baylor was scheduled for a doubleheader yesterday against Oklahoma Christian University at Gettman Stadium. But Mother Nature had other plans for head coach Glenn Moore's squad.

Baylor's games were cancelled due to rain and will not be rescheduled, and now the No. 14 Lady Bears (17-6) will hit the road again.

"It's frustrating because we need the motivation of a home crowd to get us energized," Moore said. "We haven't played particularly well on the road to this point, so it would be nice to see what we could do if we came back home, but nature is a beast."

The Lady Bears finished its most recent road trip with a 5-3 record and although their performance was respectable, Baylor's playing level is still not where Moore wants it to be.

Whatever the source of Baylor's road struggles, the Lady Bears need to find a remedy soon if they hope to reach the College World Series a second straight time.

The Lady Bears conference slate begins tonight, weather permitting, at No. 9 Texas A&M University (28-6), the preseason favorite to win the Big 12 Conference.

"I know we have a great deal of potential and at any minute can get it going," Moore said. "Having said that, we are playing the monster of the Big 12 right now; they are a good team year in and year out."

Although the Aggies have dropped their last two meetings, they return home to the Aggie Softball Complex where they are an impressive 13-1 this season. But the Aggies have not yet faced as difficult a team in College Station than Big 12 rival Baylor.

The last time these two teams met was when the Lady Bears eliminated the Aggies last season in the Women's College

World Series. Factor that in, and little motivation is needed for either team heading into tonight's contest. Still, the Lady Bears know what lies ahead of them in College Station, and it will take more than an adrenaline rush to propel Baylor to victory.

"It's definitely a tough way to go into conference playing A&M right off the bat," said junior Jenny Isham, a candidate for the starting pitching job against the Aggies. "But if we play well tomorrow we can roll off of that for the rest of the conference play."

Isham, a transfer from McLennan Community College, has faced Texas A&M before in fall exhibitions, but the difference in hostility she will face tonight from the Aggie faithful is incomparable from previous experiences.

"I haven't been in that kind of an environment before," Isham said. "I have been preparing myself for that."

But even members on the squad with experience in College Station still have jitters heading into the game.

"Hopefully we will come out there with no fear," said Reagan, who has not lost a game in her career at College Station. "In their house especially we will be excited. I will even have some nerves, but I know what to expect from them."

Reagan can certainly expect at least one thing — to have All-American Megan Gibson staring her down from the pitcher's circle when Reagan steps into the batter's box tonight.

Gibson is a perfect 16-0 on the season, with a miniscule 0.79 ERA and 109 strikeouts in 109 innings this season.

However, the Lady Bears boast the top offense in the Big 12 and feature four of the top five hitters in the league, including Reagan, who is a two-time All-American herself.

"She is a great player," said Reagan, who is third in the conference with a .426 batting average. "We just need to play our game, do what we are capable of and get through it."

First pitch for today's game is set for 6:30 p.m.



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Virginia Beach, Va., junior Beamer Weems swings the bat against Louisiana Tech on March 6 at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor won 7-6.

Baseball to face Missouri in first conference road game

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Rain and the threat of tornadoes cancelled the Bears' Tuesday game against Sam Houston State University at Baylor Ballpark, but Baylor isn't taking any time off.

With the Bearkats off the schedule until April 30, the Bears are looking forward to the weekend match up with No. 4 University of Missouri (13-2). It's the first conference game for the Tigers, and the first road conference game for the Bears.

"I think I picked them to win our league based on what they have coming back," head coach Steve Smith said. "It's the best team on paper based on talent and experience."

Missouri, just like Baylor, relies heavily on their pitching. Junior Ian Berger has the teams' lowest ERA at 0.39 in 23 innings of work.

However, another junior named Aaron Crow is reaping all the awards. Selected as Insidepitching.com's Midwest

region performer of the week for his 15 strikeouts against the University of Toledo Friday, Crow has a 4-0 record.

"I've gone against Aaron quite a few times," sophomore Raynor Campbell said. "Everybody knows he's a good pitcher and he's got a live fastball with some movement on it."

The Bears will have to pick their battles, as Crow has 41 strikeouts, a 4-0 record and a 1.38 ERA in 26 innings of work.

"I think any pitcher's hittable," junior short stop Beamer Weems said. "He knows how to pitch. We just have to be patient."

In the batter's box, the Tigers aren't lacking, either. Freshman T.J. Schieber is averaging .400 at the plate, while sophomore Aaron Seene has 20 RBIs and three home runs. Senior Jacob Priday also has 13 RBIs.

"It's going to be really similar to the OSU series," sophomore Aaron Miller said. "I mean OSU came in and threw us really well. If we're going to have to win, we're going to have to win

on the road."

Last year, the Bears went 2-2 against the Tigers, winning one of three at home and then defeating Missouri in the Big 12 tournament.

For the majority of the young Baylor squad, it will be their first elite road test.

"A lot of us have never been there," Miller said. "We're going to have to take the same angle that we took into the Mississippi State series."

Missouri will have more than just the Baseball America ranking to play for, as well. The Tigers, whose only losses came to the University of Central Florida and the University of San Diego on the road, have yet to play a conference game.

Even this early in the season, the series could determine tie-breakers for the Big 12 championship between two title contenders.

"I look at all the other teams in the Big 12 and I look at Missouri and I say they're like us," Campbell said. "They have good pitching and a good lineup."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baylor women's tennis moved up three spots to No. 3 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rankings released Tuesday. It represents the Lady Bears' highest ranking in program history. It's the second time in three weeks they've set that mark, and the team has now won 14 straight matches. The Lady Bears will test that new ranking on March 26 when No. 1 Northwestern University comes to Waco. It represents the first time Baylor women's tennis has ever played host to a top-ranked team.

Senior women's tennis player Zuzana Zemenova was named Big 12 player of the week Monday for her contributions in wins over the No. 6 University of Georgia Bulldogs and No. 48 University of Virginia last week. It's the second time this season and sixth time in her career that she's won the award. Zemenova went a combined 6-0 in singles and doubles play, including a doubles win over the nation's top-ranked doubles team against Fresno State University. This marks the third straight weekly award for Baylor women's tennis.

The Big 12 office announced Monday that redshirt freshman right-hander Shawn Tolleson was named conference pitcher of the week. Tolleson most recently threw a complete-game, two-hit shutout Saturday at Baylor Ballpark in a 3-0 win over Oklahoma State University. He held the last 22 batters hitless for his first pitcher of the week honor of his career. Tolleson currently carries a 4.43 ERA, a 2-0 record and has 16 strikeouts.

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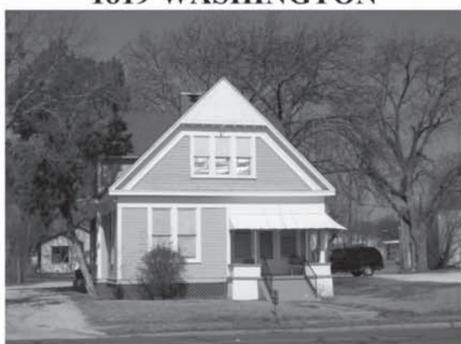
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