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Edwards, Hutchison, Peake tour VA hospital

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Staff Writer

United States Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congressman Chet Edwards and U.S. Secretary of Veteran Affairs James Peake visited the Waco Veterans Affairs Medical Center Thursday to support plans in progress for the expansion of the veteran mental health research facilities.

The Waco VA developed a vision that includes advanced research for the assessment and treatment of war veterans and their families. The vision will be realized in large part through the expansion of the Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans, which will employ state-of-the-art techniques to develop practices of care for the veterans. In 2003 the Waco VA campus nearly faced closure, but was given

another chance at life by former U.S. VA secretary Jim Nicholson in 2006. The expansion of the Center is becoming a reality through the efforts of Hutchison and Edwards to advocate funding in the US Senate.

The Waco VA will partner with Fort Hood military base to use the funding for research initiatives and new technologies. Edwards authored a \$5.7 million request for the Waco VA's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) research program, among the \$11.8 billion funding increases provided by his and Hutchison's subcommittees. The Waco VA has committed more than \$50 million towards the expansion.

"We are committed to making sure that this will not survive, but thrive," Hutchison said. "We couldn't have had a better team."

Hutchison praised Edwards

and Peake for their efforts, as well as the City of Waco and the mayor for bringing the community together in a leading effort to highlight their efficiency in making the developments for war veteran care a reality.

Peake spoke on the progress of the medical center's goal. Peake said that the project is at the forefront of research because of the emerging generation of war veterans.

"The unique location of Waco and Fort Hood was appreciated. More important than the buildings are the people," Peake said. "This collaboration will allow continuity of care and seamlessness of systems working together."

Along with creating more than 138 employment positions, the center will feature a \$3 million mobile MRI machine to support the PTSD research program. Baylor professor of



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United States Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veteran Affairs, look on as Congressman Chet Edwards, D-Texas, gives a speech on efforts to improve veterans support Thursday at the Waco Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Trends show change in study abroad destinations

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

The depreciation of the dollar is not only stirring higher gas prices and expensive imports, but it's making it harder for people to travel overseas as well.

As the dollar declines in value relative to other currencies, popular destinations like Western Europe and the United Kingdom become more costly. With one United States dollar buying only .64 euros or .5 pounds, living expenses nearly double once travelers venture across the pond.

This especially takes a toll on students wishing to study abroad, and recent trends show an increase in students studying in non-traditional regions, such as Asia and Latin America.

Dr. Brian Whalen, president and CEO of the Forum on Education Abroad, said that while the number of students going to Europe hasn't decreased, students are now looking at non-European destinations for reasons that may include the rising value of the euro.

"We are seeing modest increases in study abroad numbers in East Asia, South Asia, Africa and Latin America," Whalen said. "There are more new programs being developed in these areas, driven by increased faculty interest and a greater effort to develop a greater range of study abroad programs

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Europe	124,292	130,274
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that relate to all areas of the curriculum."

According to a report provided by the Institute of International Education, between the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 academic years, the number of students studying abroad in Europe increased by only 4.8 percent, while those going to the Middle East increased by 31 percent, Asia by 26 percent and Africa by 20 percent.

Of all the countries recorded, China had the highest jump in interest with 38.2 percent more U.S. students studying there than the year before.

The IIE report also stated the number of U.S. students studying abroad has grown 150 percent in the last decade, with 223,534 students abroad during 2005-2006.

Whalen said despite rising costs, more and more students study abroad every year.

"I believe that universities and study abroad pro-

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Covenant celebration to repeat historic event

New Baptist Covenant will host pan-Baptist gathering in 2011, focusing on global warming, health care, religious liberty and world peace

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

The New Baptist Covenant Celebration will reconvene in 2011, keeping with the Baptist tradition of triennial meetings.

A group of about 70 Baptist leaders met on March 12 at The Carter Center in Atlanta, to discuss comments and suggestions from participants of the first celebration, and to decide how to move forward.

These leaders included former President Jimmy Carter and former Baylor President Bill Underwood.

The first event, held from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, also in Atlanta, focused on themes of peace with justice, the poor, respecting diversity, welcoming the stranger and setting the captive free.

In a statement released March 19 from those at the March 12 meeting, Baptist organizations participating in the celebration will continue to work on these issues as well as those of global warming, health care, religious liberty, elimination of nuclear weapons and peace in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Also, the steering committee for the celebration will be expanded from five members to close to a dozen. This is in part to include more women and young people in the planning process.

Several members of Baylor's faculty, including Dr. David Garland, dean of George W. Truett Theological Seminary, attended the celebration in January.

"I thought the first one was a delightful experience with all the diversity and wonderful preaching," Garland said.

Dr. Diana Garland, dean of the Baylor School of Social Work and wife of David Garland, also attended and took part in giving a presentation on breaking the cycle of poverty.

"It was a great start. If we don't do anything else, it would've been a great start to a movement that won't go anywhere," she said of the first celebration. "I think it was a very exciting meeting in which we focused not on theological differences, but on commonalities of calling."

Those who participated in the celebration are now working to take what they learned and apply it where they live, she said.

An example she gave is of taking the information discussed on poverty issues and presenting a curriculum and information to different church bodies on how to work in response to poverty.

"We've spelled out the activities and work that we're doing here so that we can provide resources locally and nationally to Baptists," Diana said.

Diana also said she'd like to see the topics covered at the next meeting expanded to include how issues such as violence and anger are handled in the world.

"I would love to see us dig into some of these really challenging issues and see what we can do with them over an extended period of time," she said.

Mukasey: politics don't play part in charging public officials

By Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Attorney General Michael Mukasey vowed anew Thursday to crack down on crooked politicians and public officials, dismissing critics who accuse the Justice Department of letting partisan loyalties interfere with corruption cases.

Mukasey's comments came hours after prosecutors charged Puerto Rico's Democratic-leaning governor in a campaign finance probe that began more than two years ago.

Additionally, Mukasey said that a multibillion-dollar overseas contracting loophole that was quietly slipped into Justice Department plans to protect tax-

payers' money "shouldn't happen."

All were part of the attorney general's rhetorical assault on public corruption, which he called one of his top priorities.

"It's often in the interest of someone to charge politicization whenever a prominent public figure is investigated or prosecuted," Mukasey said during a noontime speech at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco. "I find it notable that they make these accusations in the media, rather than before a court."

Earlier, during an interview with The Associated Press, Mukasey said corruption has "a cost beyond dollars and cents — it undermines the whole idea of government."



Associated Press

U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey addresses the Commonwealth Club on Thursday in San Francisco. Attorney General Michael Mukasey vowed anew Thursday to crack down on crooked politicians and public officials, dismissing critics who accuse the Justice Department of letting partisan loyalties interfere with corruption cases.

Because of corruption, Mukasey said, "people can't have confidence that government's being done honestly."

The Justice Department has

brought numerous corruption cases over the last several years targeting Democrats and Repub-

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Gates orders full U.S. nuclear inventory after mistaken parts delivery

By Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates has ordered a full inventory of all nuclear weapons and related materials after the mistaken delivery of ballistic missile fuses to Taiwan, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Gates told officials with the Air Force, Navy and Defense Logistics Agency to assess inventory control procedures for the materials and to submit a report within 60 days.

Earlier this week, Gates directed Navy Adm. Kirkland H. Donald to take charge of a full investigation of the delivery mistake in which four cone-shaped electrical fuses used in

intercontinental ballistic missile warheads were shipped to the Taiwanese instead of the helicopter batteries they had ordered.

It was the second nuclear-related mistake involving the military that has been revealed in recent months. In August an Air Force B-52 bomber was mistakenly armed with six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles and flown from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale Air Force Base, La. At the time, the pilot and crew were unaware they had nuclear arms aboard.

The electrical fuses were delivered in fall 2006, but the military did not fully real-

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To end world hunger we must first acknowledge it

I saw something the other day that broke me. It was a photo of a skeleton. Except it wasn't a skeleton — it was a living child with a thin coat of brown skin painted over his brittle bones.

With twigs for legs and toothpicks for arms, this starving little boy had no muscles or tissue. Too weak to lift up his head, the boy stared into space with his lifeless, empty eyes. I imagined him lying there, probably not even knowing what death was, but wishing for it anyway.

Whenever I see something gory or disturbing in a movie, I shield my eyes because it's too much for me to handle. But hunger isn't fiction. It's a reality, and we have to look.

It's our moral duty to acknowledge this devastating

truth that plagues 14 percent of the world's population. That's 840 million chronically hungry people, and 24,000 of them die each day.

We may never meet these individuals, but that shouldn't make them immune from our compassion.

In God's eyes, we're not African and we're not American. We're not fat or skinny, educated or uneducated, wealthy or poor. But to the Creator, we are his children. We are part of a divinely created family — a family that takes care of one another. You and I are as equally loved by the Lord as the dying boy in that picture.

But for reasons we'll never know nor understand, we're the lucky ones.

We have to look.

point of view



BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

To not look is to be decidedly ignorant of an avoidable malady taking place on our watch.

With the Internet making access possible to the darkest, most ominous corners on the Earth, we have a chance to learn about and share in a kind of pain we know nothing of.

We're engaged now in a flat world, one interactive and intertwined because of globalization. There's no going back to the days of disconnected unawareness. Hunger has been exposed,

and we can't just shake it off.

As students, we're extremely busy developing into who we feel called to be. But part of being well-rounded is thinking of a world outside our own. While finding our role in life, it's imperative that we consider those we can't see but know are in need.

The question of hunger may not be our problem, but the answer is our responsibility. We don't know why God allows this dismal, unfair disparity to conquer such a large part of humanity.

However, it's futile to play the "why" game. We must instead be productive in doing what we can. If we each contribute even an ounce of compassion and apply the talents we've been given, this unfortunate plight

can change for the better.

Even with our busy schedules, there are things we can do to help. Try making OneClick-OneMeal.com, or a similar Web site, your home page. These sites donate all their advertising revenues to hunger charities, and the more hits they get, the more revenues they receive.

If you have money, try making monthly donations or sponsoring a child. Or take a few minutes once in a while to think, pray or reflect about the issue. Maybe it's time to think about an aid or mission trip, like many Baylor students have done.

Whenever a "Feed the Children" commercial comes on, don't change the channel. If you happen upon a photo of starving children, don't pass it by. Just sit

there and soak up the sadness. It may dampen your day, but it will nourish your soul; it may burst your bubble, but it will widen your perspectives.

Most importantly, try increasing your knowledge about hunger. Learn all you can so you can inform people and spark an interest in others with what you know. The awareness you raise by simply acknowledging the problem and having sincere empathy is paramount in the global fight against starvation.

Actions are important, but it all starts with our attitudes. We must be willing to recognize evil if we want to confront it.

We have to look.

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Editorial

Tenure process lacks transparency

Twelve out of the 30 candidates for tenure were denied it earlier this month, causing several candidates to plan appeals and many faculty members to question the decision-making process. At 40 percent, the denial rate was unusually high.

However, the problem is not that a large number or even a large percentage of tenure applicants were denied. The problem is that there is a breakdown in the communication between the players in the tenuring process and that the denial of some candidates' tenure bids came as a complete shock to many of them and their colleagues.

Several tenured faculty members have said the surprise at the tenure results stems from the discrepancy between tenure committee and departmental recommendations and the final decisions made by administrators.

While these denials may set back many candidates professionally, there is no doubt that those candidates undeserving of tenure should not be granted it merely to improve the approval percentage. In the same vein, however, whoever is denied tenure needs to be denied it on the basis of their accomplishments or lack thereof, not for any other factors.

For those who aren't familiar with the intricacies of the academic world, gaining tenure is a rigorous process.

For professors hired on a tenure track, the process takes six years. Tenured faculty have almost unlimited job security. Tenure candidates are evaluated by their departments on a yearly basis. The year the candidates go up for tenure, they are evaluated by their department a final time. The department votes on whether the candidate should receive tenure, and that vote is then sent to the tenure committee for review.

The tenure committee reviews all the departmental votes and evaluations, as well as each candidate's

tenure notebook — a document that demonstrates why a candidate should receive tenure. One of the purposes of the tenure committee is to ensure that all departments hold candidates to similar standards.

After the tenure committee votes on tenure candidates, its recommendations are sent to the president and provost for approval. Ultimately, these administrators have final say on which candidates are tenured.

If Baylor is serious about becoming a top research university while still maintaining its Christian values, the administration needs to make several changes to the tenure process.

First, there need to be reasonable expectations. Having reasonable expectations does not mean lowering the standards which would make this university a top-tier research institution, but those standards should be explained clearly and definitively.

Faculty senate chair Matt Cordon told *The Baylor Lariat* on March 26 that tenure candidates should "exceed expectations." This is not an unreasonable suggestion: in work and in life, no one should aim just to complete the bare minimum of what is required.

However, Cordon also said, "My understanding is that it's a good idea to aim for doubling or tripling the number of articles the tenure guidelines specify."

It's unfortunate that this understanding of the requirements exists. Asking candidates to double or triple the required number of articles is an unreasonable demand and one the administration should not be making. It's one thing to ask tenure candidates to aim for excellence. It's another thing entirely to require them to triple the number of publications you initially ask from them. Telling your tenure hopefuls that they have to write eight articles and really expecting them to write anywhere from 16 to 24 is downright ridiculous.



And while requiring external letters of recommendation is not unreasonable, that requirement (as well as others) should have been clearly communicated in advance to everyone involved — early enough that no one was scrambling to find recommenders. Requiring the letters is a good step in helping evaluate the candidates, but standards should not be put in place suddenly.

Baylor also needs to make sure that the lines of communication are open from the top down. Communication between the administration, tenure committee members, department members and chairs and tenure candidates needs to improve. Administrators should take the recommendations of the tenure commit-

tee very seriously, since its members have more direct contact with both the departments and the tenure candidates.

Another important step in gaining credibility is making the process transparent. While certain aspects of gaining tenure, such as departmental or committee voting, must necessarily be private, no one should be shocked by who does — or does not — receive tenure. As one (tenured) faculty member said, "If the university is doing things right, at tenure time there should be no surprises."

Yearly departmental evaluations are in place for this reason. Tenure candidates receive clear reports on their progress (or lack thereof) and can adjust their performances accord-

ingly. The reports and evaluations are communicated to the tenure committee, then passed on to the president and provost. Because candidates can see what their departments think of their progress, they should be aware of their tenure prospects.

And when tenure candidates are denied tenure and their contracts are not renewed, the administration owes them a specific and individually tailored explanation of the reasons behind the decision.

While they might not be able to know in advance how administrators will feel about their achievements, tenure candidates should be able to carry out their work without worrying that their tenure letter will read like a bad April Fool's Day joke.

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Letters to the editor

Lilley made right call on film

In September of last year, Ben Stein and Mark Mathis visited Baylor and publicly called for President Lilley to address his position on Intelligent Design (ID). Mathis and Stein were making a documentary, a film they called *Crossroads* and claimed would be an objective look at how ID was viewed in the academic world.

Despite public outcry and intense Public-Relations concerns, Lilley decided to turn

away Stein and Mathis. This may go down as one of Lilley's wisest decisions as President of Baylor University. The film, now called *Expelled*, has been universally hailed by critics as one of the worst documentaries of the decade.

Stein and Mathis mock and demean every sincere attempt to explain the inadequacies of ID made by the many scientists and university officials in the film.

They even hold Darwin

responsible for the holocaust, and interviews with bearded scientists in libraries are juxtaposed with scenes of Nazi violence and genocide.

In steering clear of *Expelled*, Lilley demonstrated extraordinary wisdom. I would hate for Baylor to have given Stein and Mathis more interview footage to place between scenes of gas chambers.

Brian Fuller,
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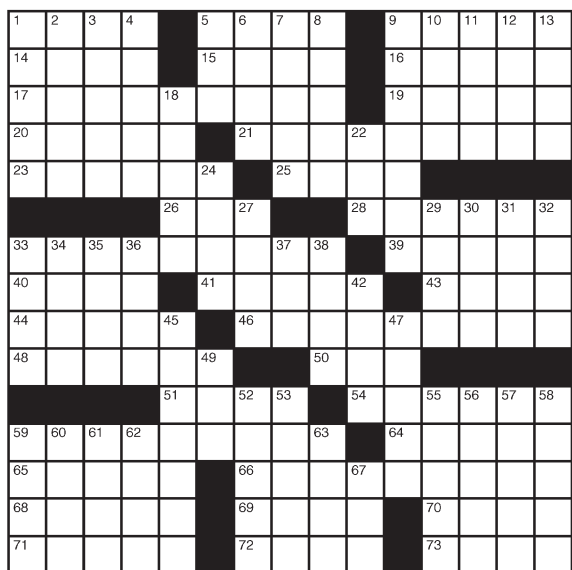
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Baylor student finalist in TV show

By Anna Taylor
Reporter

While flipping through television channels on Monday night, you might come across a familiar face.

Baytown junior Charlye Nichols is a contestant on the CW TV show, "Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious," which is hosted by Mark McGrath from the band Sugar Ray.

Nichols is competing with 15 other finalists to become part of a musical group. Robin Antin, who created the Pussycat Dolls, is looking for three girls to become Girlicious and receive a record contract with Geffen Records.

Nichols graduated from Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in 2005, a private Catholic girls' academy in Houston.

"Out of all the girls in our graduating class, I knew Charlye would be the one on TV," said Houston junior Kathleen Flavin, who attended high school with Nichols.

Nichols grew up singing and dancing. Her mother plays the piano at their church and Nichols has taken vocal and dancing lessons since she was 5 years old, Nichols said.

Nichols said she had always gone to a private school so coming to Baylor was an easy choice for her.

"Baylor makes me feel like I'm someone and not just a number like at other schools," Nichols said.

Nichols would not say what her plans were after graduation but while she is at Baylor she is enjoying college life.

"It's a delight having Charlye in my class this semester. I love seeing how excited she gets when she talks about the show. And the other students in the class are excited for her. I hope she becomes a huge star and I can say 'I knew her when,'" journalism lecturer Kevin Tankersey said.

Nichols said she always loved watching shows like "Making the Band" and thought to herself that she could do that.

"I watched the first season of the show and saw that they were having a casting call for this season in Houston. I had always wanted to try out for a show like this one," Nichols said.



Courtesy Photo

Charlye Nichols will compete on "Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious" every Monday on CW.

Nichols attended the open call and was chosen with one other woman to go to Los Angeles.

She traveled to Los Angeles last summer where 150 women were narrowed down to the 15 that started the show.

"It was surreal and humbling, actually being on TV," Nichols said.

Nichols has received many different opportunities since being on the show.

She has met J.C. Chazez from 'N Sync, all of the Pussycat Dolls, Nelly, Dr. Dre and even Sean Combs, also known as P Diddy.

"Walking the red carpet was cool. I was nervous, but who wasn't?" Nichols said.

Nichols also worked with vocal coach Kenn Hicks. Hicks has coached groups like the Spice Girls and Jennifer Lopez. Nichols learned dance moves

from Robin Antin and co-choreographer Mikey Minden.

Nichols said she has made lifetime friends with the other contestants on the show.

"It was like a sorority, going through a once-in-a-lifetime experience together. We all shared a bond," Nichols said.

Nichols said the experience has changed her life because it made her realize she can pursue her dreams.

"The biggest test was myself," Nichols said.

"I only had myself to depend on throughout the show."

Singing in front of a big audience is not a problem for Nichols.

"I think it is harder to perform in front of my peers than in front of people I don't know," Nichols said.

"The Pussycat Dolls Presents: Girlicious" will be on CW at 8 p.m. Mondays.

Tenure, living wage discussed by senate

Christina Kruse
Staff writer

Teachers without tenure and rowdy Baylor basketball fans were the main topics of President Lilley's address to Student Government Thursday night.

Baylor's misbehavior at a basketball game against Texas A&M University caught the attention of national press. One ESPN commentator felt that his life was in danger, Lilley said.

"The last basketball game got totally out of hand," Lilley said. "I know language changes, but don't try and sell me on the notion that the 'f word' is appropriate."

The university president suggested creating a task force to control student behavior at games, a tactic that was successfully implemented at the University of Maryland.

"It's great that we all get free tickets, but we get people to sit in their assigned seats," Ft. Collins, Colo., junior Katie Uhlrich said. "It might curb the mob mentality and provide a more respectful environment towards fans and teams."

Lilley also addressed the issue regarding a substantial amount of teachers who were denied tenure.

"It's not about friendships, it not about politics," Lilley said.

Those who do not receive tenure may request the reasons why they were denied.

After receiving the reasons, they have thirty days to provide the provost with new informa-

tion that might help overturn their denial.

Students are also influential in the tenure process through end-of-course evaluations. However, only the multiple choice section goes into consideration, and the written portion is seen only by the teacher.

"There are not a whole lot of clear-cut definitions on what qualifies a teacher for tenure," Dallas junior Parker Short said. "There are a lot of things that can be approved, like adding more transparency to the process or improving the student input process as well."

Also, student government discussed ways to get involved in the tenure process, such as having a few students individually vouch for a certain professor.

The adequate wage and the attendance policy were also discussed.

The adequate wage issue is a proposal that calls for house-keeping, dining and bookstore staff to be paid enough so that it would lift the burden of taking a second job.

"We are a Christian university and we need to be paying people adequately for their work, especially if we are going to live up to Baptist values," Kansas City, Kan., senior Thomas Herndon said. "If we are trying to grow we need to make sure that we are treating them in a manner that blesses them."

The resolution regarding smoking on campus was postponed until next week.

City smog increases in summer

Kate Thomas
Reporter

Protests against coal plants. Threats to boycott the Beijing Olympics. Global warming. Air pollution isn't just a number and color spectrum in the Weather Section. It affects world events.

Because of the upcoming Olympics being held in China, the country has been under scrutiny lately in the political forum.

Not least among the voiced concerns is the environmental factor that could affect the competition. Several athletes have raised concerns, and some have even vowed to boycott the Olympics because of Beijing's high level of air pollution.

Larry Lehr, a lecturer in the environmental sciences department, estimated that Beijing would have to cease all industrial activity for a week or longer prior to the start of the Olympics in order for the amount of pollution in the air to be at levels acceptable for athletes.

China has the most power plants in the world, Lehr explained, but several American cities, Houston included, are "just as bad" in terms of an unhealthy amount of air pollution.

Air pollution, often called smog, is caused by a combination of factors.

Internal combustion of carbon-containing fuels, power plants, wood fires and processing sulfur-containing ores all contribute to adding chemicals to the air, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Web site.

"Temperature, humidity and geographical location all play a part," Lehr said. Areas located in valleys and basins can hold in smog.

And air pollution only worsens as temperatures increase as summer approaches.

"Pollutants come together and cook just like soup," Lehr said. The original chemicals in the air, called precursors, mix together and form new, equally hazardous chemicals.

Pollutants found in the air in Texas are ozone, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter, according to the TCEQ Web site.

Ozone is the main component of ground-level smog, according to the TCEQ, and the amount is highest between March and October.

"(Ozone) is toxic to humans at pretty low levels," Lehr said.

The national ozone one-hour average is 125 parts per billion. The eight-hour average is 85 parts per billion. Houston has not yet surpassed either in 2008, according to the TCEQ Web site.

To surpass this average indicates an unhealthy amount of ozone in the air.

The TCEQ cautions that, "before May, there will be few if any metropolitan areas with high ozone readings," so the fact that there are low readings now does not hold true for the summer.

The TCEQ described standards put in place by the State Implementation Plan to measure and reduce the amount of ozone in Texas.

Areas where pollution is unacceptable according to the standards are called "non-attainment areas." Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth were included.

Houston, where humidity, heat and industry thrive, has high levels of air pollution, according to the Web site. The city, like others in the nation, must conform to federal Envi-

BEAR BRIEFS

Several departments and Multicultural Activities will hold a presentation by former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Wilma Mankiller at 3:30 p.m. on Monday in Bennett Auditorium as part of Women's History Month. For more information, contact the history department at 710-2667.

Student Foundation will hold its fourth annual Bearathon at 8 a.m. Saturday. The event is \$25 for Baylor students and \$30 for the general public. Race proceeds benefit Student Foundation scholarships. For more on Bearathon or Student Foundation, visit www.baylor.edu/studentfoundation.

Career Services will hold mock interviews Tuesday with a recruiter from Maurices and State Farm. To sign up, log onto Hire A Bear at www.hireabear.com and click the On-Campus Interview Schedules.

Career Services will hold the Work in Waco Job Expo from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Open to all students and alumni in all academic fields seeking full-time, part-time, and internship employment opportunities. To view list of employers, log onto Hire A Bear at www.hireabear.com and click on Career Events.

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Coconuts central to mechanical engineers' plan to help world

By Jessica Belmares
Reporter

A team of Baylor mechanical engineering students hopes to better the lives of millions by taking their research to the hottest place on earth. All it takes is a coconut.

"Taking care of the poor effectively and helping them provide for themselves is a very motivating situation," said Stanton Greer, a Fort Smith, Arkansas graduate student.

Greer, along with Fort Collins, Colo., graduate student Elisa Guzman and San Antonio senior Anna Morton, have been continuing a research project and business venture aiming to better the quality of life for people living close to the equator.

"Within 1,400 miles of the equator there are 50 billion coconuts," said Greer. "And we're hoping to maximize the value of those coconuts for farmers who live in those areas."

Greer said they are trying to increase the value of coconuts for world tropical farmers who don't get much money for their crops.

The research team has found the coconut useful for diesel fuel, composite material for plastics, automotive applications and binder-less particleboard.

Particleboard is used for

items like stair tread, shelving, furniture and cabinetry.

The board is made by shredding the whole husk of the coconut into a brown dust-like substance. It is then placed on a hot press which adds the right combination of heat and pressure, squishing the dust together to form a sheet of particleboard.

"Half the cost for particleboard is glue, which is toxic and expensive," Guzman said. "The process with the coconut doesn't use any."

Diesel fuel for generators can be made by squeezing the coconut oil out of the fruit and putting the oil in the engine. The oil must be heated to 90 degrees Celsius in order to burn.

"We tested it last year and it had the same energy efficiency as diesel fuel," Greer said.

The ability to help people in need is what fuels Guzman to continue to work on her research 10 to 12 hours a day, she said.

"I think the whole concept of designing for the other 90 percent of the world who doesn't live the way we do here is pretty sweet," Guzman said.

Guzman and Morton recently traveled to the Philippines to become familiar with their culture and to figure out ways to improve technologies the villagers currently have.

They worked with volunteer managers and farmers at Sustainable Rural Enterprise, a coconut co-operative business providing machinery for farmers at a cheaper cost.

"We got to visit their homes and we got to do a lot of one on one with the people in the community," Guzman said.

Guzman said she noticed farmers who were learning to utilize the available technology with the coconut were in better financial shape than those who were not.

"People who were working with coconuts were buying more food, school uniforms and school supplies," Guzman said.

Some of the difficulties the research team has faced include broken research equipment and communication problems.

"I think it's always difficult to communicate with people on the other side of the world," Morton said, "Culture values aren't trained and it's interesting trying to communicate."

Even with minor setbacks, the team is still motivated to make a difference in this world with something as simple as a coconut.

"It's just fortunate that we are able to increase the quality of life with what we feel is a successful and sustainable business," Greer said.

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Attila Bucko serves against a Southern Methodist University player Thursday night at the Baylor Tennis Center. Baylor won, 5-2.

Bears overcome SMU, 5-2

By Joe Holloway
Reporter

The Baylor Tennis Center played host to another night of tennis as the No. 18 Baylor Bears hung on to win a nail-biter over No. 58 Southern Methodist University, 5-2.

On the heels of a 7-0 win earlier in the day over Hardin-Simmons University, the Bears second match of the doubleheader proved to be a much tougher win to squeak out.

"The match was a lot closer than the final score indicated," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We easily could have lost."

The doubles matches started off normally enough. Baylor won two of three to take the doubles point and an early lead.

The No. 60 doubles team of David Galic and Denes Lukacs finished off SMU's Oivind Alver and Chris Hooshyar in under 30 minutes. However, brevity was not to be the theme.

After splitting the first four

singles matches, Baylor needed to win one of the two remaining matches, both in their third sets, to clinch the win. Baylor got both of them.

"We haven't won enough of these close matches," Knoll said. "I think this will give us a lot of confidence."

Sophomore Attila Bucko clinched the match for Baylor when he won his third set over Taylor St. Eve, 6-2. After taking the first set 7-5, Bucko dropped the second to St. Eve 5-7, but regained his composure to come back and win the third.

"In the second set I lost focus and he really took advantage," he said. "The third set I was really focusing and did what I was supposed to do and I got it."

The win marked the first time Bucko clinched a match for Baylor.

"It feels really good," he said.

Had Bucko not been able to win that match, Baylor's fate could have easily ended up in

the hands of senior transfer Gwen Corches.

Corches dropped a close first set in a tiebreaker to the Mustangs' Alver, 6-7 (6-8). But, the close match gave him the confidence he would need throughout the rest of the match.

"I was down two breaks and I nearly won it," he said. "If I could come back from that...I should beat this guy."

With the boost from the first set and the help of a number of aces, Corches rolled to take the second set, 6-3.

"I normally don't hit that many aces," he said afterward. "I was surprised with myself."

He would go on to win a tight third set 7-5, moments after Bucko locked up the match for the Bears.

"To win 5-2 was a real credit to Attila and Gwen coming through down the stretch," Knoll said. "I think as a group

we need to be prepared to be in these situations the rest of the way."

Tar Heels reach NCAA round of 8

By Aaron Beard
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — North Carolina went from running it up to locking it down. Now the Tar Heels are a step away from the Final Four again, hoping they can avoid another collapse like last year.

Tyler Hansbrough scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half Thursday night and the top-seeded Tar Heels, not known for their defense, held Washington State to 32-percent shooting in a 68-47 win in the East Regional semifinals.

North Carolina, back in the NCAA round of eight for the second straight season, is a win away from its 17th trip to the Final Four. The Tar Heels are tied with UCLA for most all-time.

Danny Green had 15 points to help the Tar Heels (35-2) set a school record for victories in a season while continuing their dominant tournament run.

The No. 1 overall seed will play the Louisville-Tennessee

winner Saturday with a clear home-court advantage, playing in an arena located about two hours from its Chapel Hill campus.

North Carolina improved to 24-1 in NCAA games played in its home state, including 7-0 in Charlotte Bobcats Arena. The 47 points were the fewest allowed by the Tar Heels in an NCAA game since 1946, especially impressive after a season in which Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams constantly implored his team to step up its defensive intensity.

"Defensively we thought we were really good," Williams said, "but yet let's be honest: they missed some open shots."

Now the Tar Heels can focus on erasing the lingering memories from last year's final game: a blown double-digit lead late in the second half in an overtime loss to Georgetown in the regional finals.

For the first time in this tournament, the Tar Heels didn't crack 100 points. It didn't matter. Nor did it matter that Han-

sbroough struggled much of the way. Instead, facing a deliberate Washington State team that had completely shut down its first two tournament opponents, the Tar Heels looked determined to prove they could play some tough defense, too.

Fourth-seeded Washington State missed shot after shot — sometimes open, more often not — while the Tar Heels kept pushing forward with their slowed-but-effective transition attack. The Cougars (26-9) got little from the perimeter, with Derrick Low, Kyle Weaver and Taylor Rochestie scoring a combined 26 points on 10-for-37 shooting.

Meanwhile, the Tar Heels kept the pressure on, gradually getting more runouts in transition and increasing the pace to steadily build the lead.

North Carolina led 35-21 at halftime on a 3-pointer from Ty Lawson just before the horn, then got a quick six-point burst to push the lead to 47-27 on Alex Stepheson's three-point play with 11:45 left.

Track and field back in action

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

The Baylor track and field team will compete in the Abilene Christian University Triangular at 5:30 p.m. today in Abilene.

It's a one-day event, combining the Bears, the University of North Texas, Abilene Christian and several high school teams from the Abilene area.

Abilene High School, Abilene-Cooper and Odessa High School will participate.

"We're really just going up there giving 100 percent," Lejerald Betters said. "There are high schools up there looking up to us. I don't know about recruiting, but it will make the high schools want to perform well."

Abilene Christian is a Division-II school, but performed well at the Dr Pepper Invitational.

Hayley Garner placed first in the steeplechase, while Kellie Clements and Tyler Fleet added victories in shot-put and discus.

"I've never raced there, personally, but it's a three- to four-and-a-half hour drive," Quentin Ingelhart-Summers said. "That's a lot better than driving to Arkansas every time."

The Bears, just one week removed from the Dr Pepper Invitational, are competing in their second event of the outdoor season, recording 14 NCAA regional qualifying scores in their first.

This time, Baylor's plans are different.

"We just want to get up there and get in a good meet," head coach Todd Harbour said. "We have different athletes that are at different places. Our goals are more individual."

For the experienced athletes, the match isn't much more than a conditioning race.

"It's really more of a meet to run through tiredness and get ready for the Texas Relays," Lejerald said.

But for those who may not qualify for the NCAA championships, it's one of just four events before the postseason.

"You don't want to get too fired up right now with some of the ones that you know are going to be there, but for some of the other ones you have to get fired up," Harbour said. "Our season is so long that you just have to take it athlete by athlete. Big 12 to nationals is almost another season."

Injuries have plagued the men's squad this season, but those injuries are beginning to wane.

"We're getting there," Harbour said. "(James Gilreath's) going to try and run a quarter tomorrow."

Jacob Norman ran the quarter-mile last week, and 2007 NCAA outdoor and indoor 4x400 champion Ingelhart-Summers will be running after sitting out a full month.

"It's the first time I've run since the Tyson Indoor (Invitational)," Ingelhart-Summers said. "Most importantly for this meet, you just want to race to get confidence. Take care of business, make sure you're alright."

Ingelhart-Summers, who is consistently the leading leg of the national champion 4x400 relay team, won't be joining his teammates.

Trey Harts will continue in his place, leading Marcus Boyd, Justin Boyd and Lejerald Betters. Ingelhart-Summers will focus solely on the open 400, he said.

Last year, the Bears traded in their invitation to the ACU Triangular for an appearance at the Stanford Invitational.

Brittany Devereaux set the school's hammer throw record, while the men's 4x400-meter relay clocked a time of 3:05.29.

After today's appearance, the Bears will prepare for the Texas Relays April 3-5 in Austin, sponsored by the University of Texas.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball and softball to travel to Oklahoma this weekend

Baylor's baseball and softball teams are both traveling north this weekend to resume Big 12 conference play. The Bears are looking to carry the momentum over to the University of Oklahoma after scraping together 23 runs in their wins earlier in the week. Meanwhile, a slumping Baylor softball team looks to regain its lofty stature from last season's College World Series squad against Oklahoma State University after suffering seven losses in its past 11 games.

Tisdale named All-American Finalist

Former Lady Bear Angela Tisdale was recently selected as one of 40 finalists for the 2008 State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball team. The Austin native, who was the last member remaining from the 2005 National Championship team, recently finished her Baylor career as the all-time leading assists leader with 493. Tisdale led the Lady Bears to a 25-7 record her senior season and propelled Baylor to its fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

Men and Women's Tennis set for home stand

The men's and women's tennis teams will play host to a combined four matches this weekend. The No. 2 Lady Bears start things off as they play host to No. 67 University of Colorado at 6 p.m. Friday. On the men's side, Matt Knoll's team welcomes in Laredo College and the University of Memphis this Saturday with action set to kick off at 11 a.m.

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

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Student art pushes boundaries in diverse mediums

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

A collection of some of Baylor art students' best work is now on display in the Martin Museum of Art's Annual Studio Art Student Exhibition.

Complete with varied mediums, the exhibit displays the diverse talents of its contributors. Imaginative paintings, quilted fabrics, mixed fiber art, intricate sculptures, creative ceramic designs and even art created in Adobe Illustrator are among the different categories showcased. "For some of these students,



David Poe/Lariat staff

Faculty, students and relatives attend the opening of the Martin Museum of Art's Annual Studio Art Student Exhibition.

it's their first time to present their work in a juried show," said Karin

Gilliam, director of the museum. "We're a teaching museum, and we have exhibits to help students learn how to present their work in a way that reflects their artistic abilities."

Students could submit up to three of their best pieces, and out of a pool of 185 entries, 80 were accepted.

Accepted entries weren't revealed until the opening ceremony Thursday, where a large crowd of students, faculty and parents mingled and dined on Swedish meatballs, egg rolls and coffee. In a classy yet casual atmosphere, visitors admired the art and complimented the creativity

of their peers.

College Station senior Jared Tseng walked in to discover that the photograph and two paintings he submitted were on display.

"I was excited and very surprised," Tseng said. "I've been sketching since I was a kid, and it's something I've always been interested in."

Tseng won one of eight Juror's Choice awards for his painting called "Untitled."

"Most of my pieces deal with the issue of family," Tseng said. "A lot of it is personal, but I also want it to resonate with people who see it."

The show was juried by Robin

Dru Germany, associate professor of art at Texas Tech University. Germany said when making her decisions she looked for works that tended to be asymmetrical and have spontaneity.

"I really liked pieces that seemed to push the boundaries of what's expected," Germany said. "I also enjoyed works where I saw something different when I looked at them closer than when I initially looked at them from farther away."

Accompanying the student exhibition is the Annual Studio Art Faculty Exhibition, featuring the artwork of 16 faculty members. One of the larger pieces is

a series of life size photographic portraits of Church Under the Bridge members by Susan Mullally, professor of art.

Dr. Mike Frisch, professor of psychology, attended the opening ceremony and said he encouraged students to attend so they could experience the interconnectedness of art and psychology.

"You've heard the expression 'art imitates life,' but art also imitates psychology," Frisch said. "It shows us people at their height of fulfillment and at their lowest level of pain."

The faculty and student exhibit will be on display until April 16.

Variety on the menu for new Basaberu

By Lee Ann Marcel and
Bethany Poller
Reporter and Assistant city editor

We've all seen the building rise slowly up on South Sixth Street next to the swarm of fast-food restaurants, but at last it's up and running.

Basaberu Restaurant and Lounge, one of the few finer dining restaurants near Baylor, has a very distinctive look from the outside, which seems to match the vibe of the indoor decor: warm, but modern.

Low lighting, shades of orange and large, comfy booths make the atmosphere cozy, but the view of the stainless steel kitchen and sleek flat-screen TVs

mounted on the walls upstairs keeps it contemporary.

When you walk in, you have the choice of eating downstairs or upstairs in the lounge area. The downstairs is perfect for lunch, but if you're looking for a more romantic setting, it would be worth it to venture upstairs.

Though you have to endure a somewhat awkward elevator ride with the hostess, the atmosphere is a little more sophisticated and impressive for a date. One warning: after 10 p.m., the lounge has a dress code, so check it before you go or you'll be embarrassed if you can't get in.

We chose to sit downstairs for a quick lunch. There was no wait for a seat when we got

there around noon, but the service was a bit slow because there were only two waiters who were madly rushing from table to table to take orders, and the hostess ended up taking our drink orders. We've had a couple other experiences here for dinner and the service was better, so they're probably still ironing out how much staff they need at different times of the day.

The conveniently located eatery is a terrible place for people who are indecisive, but in the best way possible. The menu covers a wide range of cuisines from crab cakes to mini-burgers and fish wraps to pasta. It's got a bit of everything, so it may take a little while to make up your

mind. We decided to play it simple and safe with sandwiches, the PCH and the Turkey Dijon Melt. A few students were sitting in the booths as well, while a family was talking over their meal. The back wall opened up into the kitchen so you could see the chefs working.

The sandwiches were huge, definitely enough to save for dinner that night and the kind you have to squash down before you can take a bite. But each bite was delicious — and a little messy. Both sandwiches had an excessive amount of turkey and lettuce, making for a hearty meal. The fries that accompanied the meal were thin and crisp.

The atmosphere was condu-



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Basaberu Restaurant, located at 723 S. 6th St., is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., while the lounge area is open until 2 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

cive to conversation, except that our table was oddly close to the diners seated next to us. Overall, the restaurant had a great selec-

tion of food, but because they were running low on wait staff, the service was a little poor.

Grade: A-

Documentary 'Shines A Light' on Scorsese's love for the Stones

By Roger Moore
McClatchy Newspapers

Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese is knee-deep in his new film, an adaptation of Dennis Lehane's thriller *Shutter Island* starring Leonard DiCaprio and Ben Kingsley, among others. And he's stumped a little.

"This new movie is set in 1954," he said in comic exasperation. "No Rolling Stones!"

Fans of the filmmaker will understand his consternation. Long before directing the new Rolling Stones concert documentary, *Shine a Light*, which opens next Wednesday, Martin Scorsese was associated with their music.

"In my formative years, before I made *Mean Streets* (1973) even, the Rolling Stones created a well of inspiration that became a part of my consciousness," Scorsese said from his New York office. "Their music shapes the images I see when I'm planning a movie — camera movements, lighting, tone, attitude."

Scorsese said the Stones had been "fundamental" to the films he has made.

"What they say in their songs has really affected the attitude that turns up in characters in my movies over the years." He took that inspiration and often built the soundtrack to a film around it. He has long been known for using the Stones' tunes in the scores to his non-period-piece films. You can even look it up. It's right there under "trivia" in the Scorsese entry on the Internet Movie Database (imdb.com). From *Mean Streets* to *The Departed*, Stones tunes pepper the scores. There's one song that he's used so often, in so many films, that it's become a punch line.

"We're doing a press confer-



Associated Press

ence for *Shine a Light* in Berlin and Mick Jagger said, 'I wanna say here that *Shine a Light* is the only film that Martin Scorsese has not used 'Gimme Shelter' in," Scorsese said with a laugh.

Mention that you can hear the Stones' *Sympathy for the Devil* in the trailer to the new Robert DeNiro-Al Pacino thriller *Righteous Kill* — a movie Scorsese had nothing to do with — and he laughs some more. "I know. How did that happen? It's not my picture!"

Scorsese, 65, has long been his film generation's "critical darling," notes Marc Raymond on the online journal Senses of Cinema. With films such as *Mean Streets*, *Taxi Driver* and *Raging Bull* acknowledged as among the greatest ever by the American Film Institute, the influential Sight and Sound magazine and pretty much everyone else. His Oscar for *The Departed* wasn't just overdue — it was superfluous.

By the time Scorsese went to the NYU Film School in the mid-'60s, the Stones had taken over his musical fantasies. His breakthrough film, *Mean Streets*,

featured not only an undiscovered director and a couple of undiscovered stars (DeNiro and Harvey Keitel), "Jumping Jack Flash" and "Tell Me" were on the soundtrack. So naturally the director felt a little invested in what tunes the Stones would play for *Shine a Light*, which was shot at a benefit concert for the Clinton Foundation in New York in 2006. In *Shine a Light*, Scorsese is the "harassed, exasperated filmmaker" trying to wrangle out of the band a set list of the songs the Stones would play in the order they would play them.

He wanted to hear "Jumping Jack Flash" and "As Tears Go By," and Mick and the lads obliged. But Scorsese shot *Shine a Light* on film, which meant he had to back up each of five cameras with two others in the same spot, in reserve, for when the film magazine's 10 minutes of footage was spent. And all that planning didn't prepare him for what he actually saw on stage.

"Their passion surprised me," the 65 year-old director says of Jagger, Richards, Wood and Watts, his sixty-something contemporaries in the band. "By the time they hit 'She Was Hot,' the third number, something happened ... Mick's dancing has something to do with that, but the back-up singers, the guitar solos, the percussion, somehow, on that third song, the machine of the concert is ratcheted up."

The reviews for "Shine a Light" aren't going to be Scorsese's best, because it is, as Kirk Honeycutt noted in *The Hollywood Reporter*, "another in a long line of Rolling Stone concert films." The director got to hang out and do a little business with his favorite band, capture them in their ageless glory, and that's enough.

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icans alike. In 2006, the latest data available, Justice prosecutors charged nearly 1,200 federal, state and local government employees in public integrity cases — a 20 percent increase from a decade ago.

During his speech, Mukasey pointedly spoke of charges brought against two former Republican congressmen: Randy “Duke” Cunningham of California and Bob Ney of Ohio. He did not mention charges brought hours earlier against Puerto Rico Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila, who faces 19 counts in a campaign finance probe. Twelve others associated with Acevedo’s Popular Democratic Party also were indicted Thursday.

Other high-profile lawmakers facing Justice Department charges include Rep. Rick Renzi, R-Ariz., in a land scam case, and Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., for allegedly taking bribes. Also under scrutiny by the FBI or congressional investigators are at least eight current House and Senate lawmakers. Democrat Eliot Spitzer resigned as New York’s governor earlier this month after a federal wiretap caught him arranging trysts with a prostitute.

Part of the Justice crackdown on corruption focuses on waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer dol-

lars spent on pricey government contracts. To that end, Mukasey told AP that the Justice Department is actively working to have a loophole exempting overseas contracts stripped from tough new rules to force private companies to report internal evidence of fraud.

The Bush administration added the loophole after the rule was first proposed by the Justice Department.

“Our position is it shouldn’t happen,” Mukasey said. “My understanding is we are doing whatever we can do at this point to show that we are opposed to it.”

Mukasey took over the Justice Department in November following nearly a year of turmoil there over whether nine U.S. attorneys and career prosecutors were hired or fired because of their politics. The scandal ultimately led to the resignation of the attorney general, Alberto Gonzales, and Mukasey has been intent since then on rebuilding the Justice Department’s image as fair and independent.

He also sought to quell suspicions over whether the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles meant to disband that office’s cadre of public integrity prosecutors when he reassigned them to other units. Mukasey described the move as little more than an office restructuring.

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ize the gravity of the blunder until last week. The revelation sparked sharp protests from China and forced President Bush to acknowledge the error in a phone call Wednesday with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

While the shipment did not contain nuclear materials, the error is particularly sensitive because China vehemently opposes U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. U.S. officials were quick to say that the incident did not suggest any change in policies toward Taiwan arms sales.

But China’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said, in a statement posted on the agency’s Web site, that China had sent a protest to Washington expressing “strong displeasure.”

He said China demanded the U.S. investigate the matter and report back to China to “eliminate the negative effects and disastrous consequences created by this incident.”

Despite quarterly checks of the inventory, defense officials said they never knew the fuses

were gone. Only after months of discussions with Taiwan over the missing batteries did the Pentagon finally realize — late last week — the seriousness of what had happened.

During that time, according to a senior Taiwan defense official, the U.S. initially asked Taiwan to dispose of the missile fuses. U.S. officials said that early on it was thought the Taiwanese had simply received the wrong batteries.

Once the error was discovered, the military quickly recovered the four fuses, which are linked to the triggering mechanisms in Minuteman nuclear missile nose cones. But Gates has demanded sweeping reviews to discover how it happened and whether it indicates a broader problem in the security of the military’s nuclear weapons and related materials.

In his memo released Thursday, Gates ordered a physical inventory of all nuclear related items. Donald, whose assessment is separate from the agencies’ inventories, must provide Gates with an initial report by April 15.

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vider organizations are doing an excellent job of trying to keep studying abroad affordable by investing more financial aid and advising strategies,” Whalen said.

Western Europe is especially a popular region for Baylor students, as the Baylor in Maastricht program in The Netherlands is designed to allow several weeks of travel around Europe.

While Dr. Michael Morrison, Jo Murphy Chair and Director of International Education, hasn’t noticed any discernible shift among where Baylor students are studying, he suspects that “if the dollar continues to slide, [there] may begin to [be] a reduction in European travel generally and that it, in

turn, may be reflected in study abroad, as well.”

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported in December that the dollar’s declining value has caused some schools to cut back on study abroad programs and raise program charges to students.

In an effort to help control costs for students already studying in Europe, Baylor began this fall to purchase large quantities of euros and pounds, Morrison said.

“This was a trial year, and I expect we will continue and expand this for upcoming years so that a falling dollar will not increase the basic program costs after a program cost estimate has been provided,” Morrison said.

In the fall of 2007, Baylor had 144 students studying in Western Europe and the U.K.

Monks on Tibet freedom: ‘It’s all lies’

By Charles Hutzler
The Associated Press

LHASA, China — The stage-managed tour of Tibet’s holiest temple was going according to the government script. Suddenly, 30 young Buddhist monks pushed their way in, slammed the door, and began shouting and crying to the foreign reporters that there is no freedom in the riot-torn region.

“What the government is saying is not true,” a monk shouted as a wellspring of grievances poured out, first in Tibetan and then in Chinese after the confused reporters asked them to switch. Finally, government officials abruptly ended the session and told the journalists it was “time to go.”

The emotional, 15-minute outburst by the red-robed monks decrying their lack of religious freedom was the only spontaneous moment Thursday in an otherwise tightly controlled government trip to the Tibetan capital for foreign reporters following this month’s deadly riots.

On the second day of the tour, officials hewed to the government line — that the most violent anti-Chinese protests in nearly two decades was plotted by the exiled Dalai Lama and his supporters. Officials escorted two dozen reporters to shops, clinics, a school and a jail to interview victims and rioters, many of them already widely interviewed



Associated Press

Tibetan Buddhist monks walk back to their quarters Thursday after talking to foreign journalists at the Jokhang Temple, one of Tibet’s holiest temples in Lhasa, capital of southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region.

by state media.

Those who tried to break away from the pack were followed by car and on foot, making all but the most fleeting of contact with ordinary Tibetans risky.

Only the monks at the Jokhang Temple, Tibet’s holiest site, managed to upend the official stage-managed event.

As reporters were ushered toward the temple’s inner shrine by a senior monk and administrator, the 30 young monks began shouting to them. The monks said the believers then in

the shrine were fake — members of China’s ruling Communist Party.

They complained that troops had ringed the monastery and kept it shut with all 117 monks inside since March 10 — the day the protests began — and that the guards were only removed Wednesday, when foreign journalists arrived.

The monks, speaking in Tibetan, claimed government officials were trying to turn Tibetans against them by telling lies. But the monks didn’t elaborate on

the alleged lies, according to a translation by Tibetan scholars in the U.S who listened to an audiotape of the confrontation made by AP Television News.

“They have destroyed the way we are seen by the people,” one monk said. “We are like prisoners here,” said another.

As the monks blurted out a stream of complaints, one cried: “The government is always telling lies, it’s all lies.”

“They killed many people. They killed many people,” a monk said.

Later, a monk speaking in Chinese said the death toll was far higher than the government was saying. “The cadres and the army killed more than 1000 Tibetans. They arrested more than a thousand.”

“Tibetans have no freedom,” a monk said after some of them switched to Chinese. “We want the Dalai Lama to come back,” said another, adding that they were certain they would be detained when the reporters left.

“They want us to curse the Dalai Lama and that is not right,” a monk added.

The government officials then tugged at the journalists to leave and shouted: “Time to go.” The monks filed upstairs.

Hours later, the temple and the large square in front that is usually thronged with worshippers were closed again by paramilitary police in helmets and plastic shields.

psychology and neuroscience Sara Dolan is working directly with the Center as an investigator on the Treatment Development and Treatment Outcome Committee. Suzy B. Gulliver, director of the Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans said that the Center’s partnership with Baylor has been vital.

“We currently have three practicum students with the Center on analyzing data and working with patients,” Gulliver said. “Our collaborative relationship with Baylor has been in place since the very beginnings and has been very

important to the progress of research at this facility.”

Keith Young, core leader for neuroimaging and genetics, said that the Baylor students’ work has translated to be as good as money. Young also said that without the Baylor faculty and students the center would not be as successful as it was.

The Center has secured \$22.95 million in research funding for set projects in the next five years. Budgeting for the first year has already been approved, and the Center is continuing to recruit for core staff positions, which include

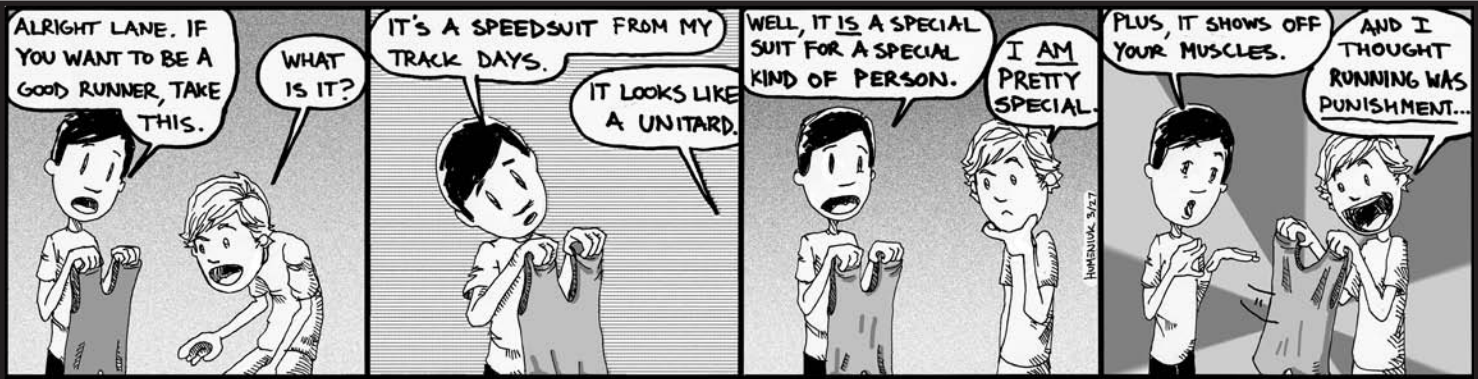
post-doctoral fellows and a physicist. A current initiative includes investing in delivery of clinical care treatment and education. The Center would like to eventually compile a research portfolio to include grants from the National Institute of Health and National Science Foundation and hire 10 to 15 principal investigators to assist in providing results to be used nationally and internationally.

An additional goal for the center is to employ 50 full-time personnel and expand the human resources department.

Hutchison has worked with the Waco VA in its research endeavors in the past. Edwards commended her for her tireless efforts as chairperson of the Senate VA Appropriations Committee.

“I salute her for her key initiative,” Edwards said. “One of the pivotal points in keeping our hospital open was her authorship of the legislation to designate the Waco VA as a Center of Excellence for Mental Health Care.”

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