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Local businesses offer opportunities

At least 49 organizations will give students reasons to work in Waco

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

This afternoon, students can find out how staying in Waco after receiving their degree can pay off.

At least 49 Waco businesses and companies are participating in the first Work in Waco Job Expo, sponsored by Baylor Career Services, McLennan Community College, Texas State Technical College and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce.

The expo is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. Students will be able to navigate the tables hosted by each company and find out information about open positions.

In light of the numerous developments and initiatives the city has undertaken, it is increasingly focusing on retaining col-

lege students following graduation.

Kevin Nall, associate director of Career Services, said that plans for the job fair have been underway since September.

"We've been recruiting businesses and talking with the Chamber for some time," Nall said. "We started marketing in December. Some students don't realize that there is a professional community here and that they have options after they graduate."

Chris Franks, unit sales manager at Bankers Life and Casualty, said that the businesses are not only looking to attract the skills of Baylor students but view Waco as a growing market for businesses and a well-rounded community.

"We want people to come over and give us the opportunity to market ourselves," Franks said. "I get the sentiment that a lot of students like the Waco area and are interested in staying here because of its small town community feel. It's the community that gets people; it's a great place to invest in for long term and raise

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Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

The Waco Suspension Bridge is a historical Waco landmark. The City of Waco will be one of the organizations looking to hire students at the Work in Waco Job Expo at 3 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Center.

Bearathon turns out more than 500 runners

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

The hills of Cameron Park were no match for over 500 runners Saturday during the sixth annual Bearathon.

The race is a half-marathon put on by Student Foundation as a fundraising event for scholarships. Student Foundation director Chandra Ford said this year's Bearathon had the highest turnout since the tradition began in 2003.

To prepare for the race, Student Foundation members stayed up the night before placing cones, chalking the course and setting up tents. An accident occurred at 2:43 a.m. Saturday when Plano junior Justin Fricke, Student Foundation member, was hit by an automobile while setting up cones at the 700 block of S. University Parks Dr. near Robinson Tower.

According to a police report, Waco police spokesman Steve Anderson said that Fricke was standing on the street near a Chevrolet Silverado with two other students, when another student driving down University Parks Drive apparently did not see

the students, swerved too late and struck the pickup truck and Fricke. The driver stopped immediately and rendered aid.

It was reported that the Silverado had its hazard lights on to alert oncoming traffic, and all three students standing outside the truck were wearing reflective vests. The driver told police he didn't see the hazard lights because he said the young men were standing in front of them.

Fricke was taken to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center with a broken femur and other leg injuries that were serious but not considered life-threatening. According to an e-mail by Lori Fogleman, director of media communications, Fricke is expected to be released from the hospital this week.

Will Acomb, The Woodlands junior, is one of many Student Foundation members who worked through the night before the race to prepare for the event.

"Just knowing that what we do for students at Baylor made it all worth it," Acomb said.

The 13.1 mile course started on



Bearathon winner and Dallas native Ernesto Caballero, 42, crosses the finish line after one hour, 12 minutes and 11 seconds.

Courtesy of Round Up

campus, crossed the Washington Street Bridge, wound through Cameron Park and finished back at Baylor. To appeal to more runners, an untimed 5K fun run was added to this year's event. Both races kicked off at 8 a.m.

With a time of 1 hour, 12 minutes, 11 seconds, Ernesto Caballero, 42, of Dallas was the first to finish. A seasoned marathon runner, Caballero said he likes the Bearathon because it helps him understand where he stands physically as he gears up for the two marathons he runs each year.

"This was my second time to run it," a winded Caballero said. "I like the Cameron Park hills. They create character."

With upbeat music playing from

speakers, an excited crowd of supporters waited at the finish line as contestants circled around Fountain Mall to complete the last leg of the race.

In last year's event, Student Foundation raised \$15,000. Frisco senior Will Simmons said this year the money will go into an endowment, and the interest earned will be used to pay for student scholarships for years to come.

Various student groups were stationed at each mile marker to cheer on runners and hand out water. Plano freshman Caitlin Price volunteered with Zeta Tau Alpha at mile eight.

"We all dressed up in '80s clothing and held up signs for the runners.

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Student government campaigns under way Wednesday

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

Candidate filing for student government offices officially ended Monday at 5 p.m. Official campaigning for student body president, external vice president, and internal vice president begins Wednesday.

For the past two years, the person running for student body president has run an uncontested race. But this year, current external vice president Bryan Fonville will fight three other people for the distinction of president.

Fonville said that it is unusual to have so many contenders for president.

"More people than ever are interested in the political process," he said. "I think that shows with the number of candidate applications we've received. With so many candidates on the ballot, I think students can look forward to an exciting student government season."

Despite the large number of candidates that filed to run for office, Dallas junior Parker Short will run unopposed for internal vice president. This is Short's second year in student government, where he currently serves as chair of the academic affairs committee.

"The main reason I'm running is because I feel like I'm well-suited not only to be in charge of Student Senate, but to serve the student body as well," he said.

Only two students will fight for the position of external vice president: Sugar Land junior Alexander Dubois and Lindale junior Nicole Yeakley.

"I really want Baylor to be more active in two areas," Yeakley said. "First, I want us to interact more with other universities in the Big 12, and second, to be more involved with state legislation. Next year I want to keep building relationships with state legislators so we can get legislation passed to lower textbook prices."

Yeakley has been a member of student government for two years. Last year she was vice chairwoman of the academic affairs committee, and currently she serves as chairwoman of the legislative relations committee.

This was Dubois's first year in Student Senate, but he said he feels that he is ready to move up from the role of a follower into a leadership position.

"Within our university and within life, we have ample opportunities where we can give service," he said. "When taking on a leadership role, the service one genuinely gives can be given at a greater capacity. When I looked at Student Senate, I realized that as external vice president you not only help the stu-

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'Purple State of Mind' opens dialogue on difference

By Elizabeth Herring
Reporter

Left versus right. Christian versus non-Christian. Blue versus red. Many differences can separate people from one another. In the movie *Purple State of Mind*, two old friends hash out their differences and learn from one another's life views.

Craig Detweiler, one of the men involved with the movie, has written for the *New York Times*, CNN, and NPR. He currently co-directs *Reel Spirituality* at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He works to connect different aspects of popular culture with God.

The other side of the dialogue comes from John Marks. Marks is a novelist, journalist, and former *60 Minutes* producer. His stance in the argument of God and art stands with art.

When they met as sophomore roommates at Davidson College in Charlotte, N.C., it was Detweiler's first year of accepting faith in Christ and Marks' last.



Courtesy of Purple State of Mind

Craig Detweiler and John Marks star in *Purple State of Mind*, a story about change, growth and tolerating difference.

According to the movie's Web site, the film is about "how people change, how they grow, and how they deal with the big stuff: death, sex, the meaning of life, God."

The movie chronicles their journey through three decades and encompasses four conversations on

differences. They discuss the question of what it means to be an American.

Cameron Jorgenson, a Phoenix graduate student and doctoral candidate in religion, initiated the Purple State Roadshow coming to Baylor.

Jorgenson hopes participants in

the event can gain "a more generous posture in the discussion and a greater generosity to the other."

"It is not an unwillingness to have a conversation or to disagree," he said.

One aspect of the film that Jorgenson likes is that the two men, although they disagree, are still friends.

"This idea of diversity does not mean we ignore our differences," he said.

You can, in love, engage in a conversation with a friend who has differing viewpoints to you, and still disagree, Jorgenson said.

Professor Sarah Jane Murray, who teaches in the Honors College in the Great Texts department, said "In many ways we have to be open to otherness."

People in general do not stray far from people who are like them, she said.

"It is very easy to surround ourselves with people that believe what we do and who don't challenge our

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Democratic rivalry brings McCain closer to victory

Consistently combining good fortune with gritty resolve, John McCain proves the saying that an individual can bring good fortune upon himself.

While no one can suggest that spending five and a half years in the Hanoi Hilton prison camp is in anyway fortunate, the fact that he survived it in such a resilient fashion is nothing but a blessing.

In more recent events, John McCain built upon his patriotism and work ethic but has also demonstrated a certain amount of luck in winning the Republican nomination. Conservatives inadvertently assisted the McCain campaign by splitting their support among his rivals,

leaving the door open for McCain to seize the nomination.

Mitt Romney, McCain's most formidable opponent, was thwarted when his strategy of winning the early contests was doomed by the spontaneous rise of Mike Huckabee, who beat Romney even while being outspent in excess of 20 to 1.

Rudy Giuliani, the original national front runner, failed to connect with the conservative base from the start. By withdrawing his name from New Hampshire, fading in Florida, he all but gave those two states to John McCain.

This gift, combined with the lack of unity among conservatives, allowed McCain to sneak

point of view

BY BRAD KNOTT

back in the race and sail through as the consensus nominee just months after being dismissed as the hopeless has-been.

Adding to John McCain's good fortune of late, the Democratic rivalry is getting nastier by the day. What was once a "dream contest" between two wildly popular candidates has been degraded to a mud-slinging match of two big-shots unwilling to back down an inch.

"They are eating their own," said Dick Morris, former adviser to Bill Clinton, in a column on Townhall.com.

With disturbing news regarding Barack Obama's controversial pastor as well as Hillary Clinton's exaggerations of encounters with Bosnian 'sniper fire' dominating the most recent headlines, not only have both candidates' credibility been tarnished, but they have also done damage to their own standing in the polls — even allowing John McCain to take the lead in some of the recent national polls.

With Clinton looking to do well in upcoming, delegate-heavy states such as Pennsylvania on April 22, as well as Indiana and North Carolina on May 6, a Democratic nominee is likely to be undecided until at least this summer when the super-delegates make a clear decision.

In any scenario, the Democrats' underbelly has been exposed, and John McCain's chances of winning have, luckily, improved. If Clinton can somehow manage to come from behind and win the Democratic nomination, it would present McCain with a pivotal opportunity. Clinton would be a divisive opponent behind whom the Democrats would not readily unite, especially after the nasty primary season.

And if Obama prevails, he would give McCain an opponent whose reputation has already been muddied by the Clinton machine.

In the last few months, the Clintons have brought Obama down from his throne, seeking out his personal shortcomings and taking the focus off of his popular image of an agent of change and highlighting his rather average political record.

The final outcome of course remains uncertain, but the mere fact that he and the Republicans have a chance in November was an unthinkable prospect just months ago.

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Editorial

Educational reform needs reforming

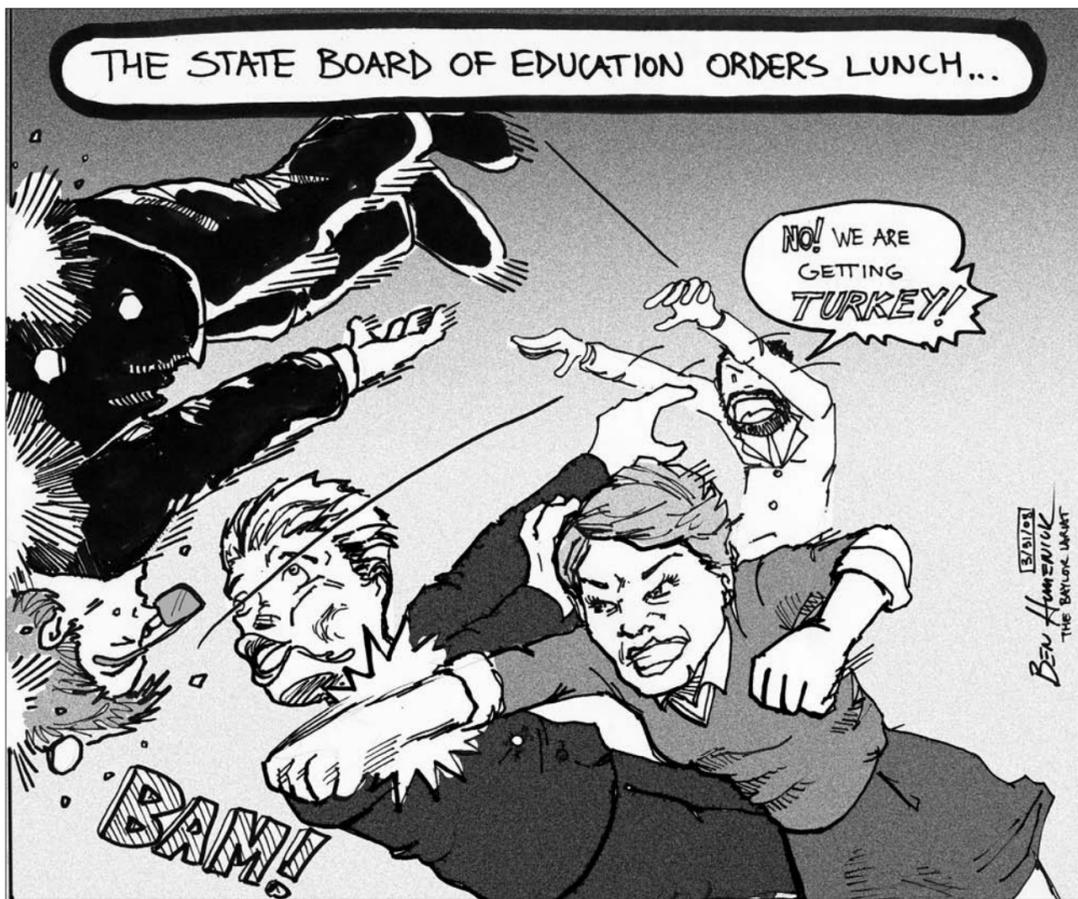
In one corner, you have seven social conservatives. In the other you have eight moderate Republicans and Democrats, battling it out for — textbooks and reading lists. That's right. The State Board of Education has been debating for three long years over Texas' kindergarten through 12th English language arts and reading public school curriculum.

Although the board gave a new curriculum unanimous approval Thursday, the group's decision only demonstrates that the board is unanimous about one thing — change. The arguments over what language arts textbooks are used and what is taught in the classroom are far from over.

One group has been arguing for grammar instruction and reading lists, while the other is saying that local control over instruction is best. In an attempt to bridge gaps, the 15 members of the board finally agreed last week to invite two Hispanic experts to work on the curriculum's final version. The decision was reached after senior board member Mary Helen Berlanga spent weeks arguing to fellow board members that the many Hispanic children in public schools may need special attention.

"It's one thing not to understand it, but at least you can be sensitive and say, 'Well, maybe there's something there. Let's look at the data,'" Berlanga said in a March interview with *The Houston Chronicle*.

So, let's look at the data: According to the same *Houston Chronicle* article, about 750,000 Texas schoolchildren have limited English proficiency and more than 60 percent of first through third-grade students who were held back in the 2005-06 school year were



Hispanic. That sounds pretty convincing. So why did it take three years for this idea to even be considered? Politics.

There is no room for politics in the State Board of Education. Thousands of Texas families are relying on it for the future successes of their children.

First, it shouldn't take three years to revise an already set curriculum. Standardized testing should point to areas that need mending, and the board's experience should help it see places where growth and expansion are necessary with changing times.

Secondly, how are kids supposed to get into college without learning grammar? This could potentially

harm students' chances of success by handicapping them. Schools should teach basic grammar to their students. It is a skill everyone uses and needs to learn.

Thirdly, when have reading lists inhibited learning? The State Board of Education voted not to include a suggested reading list in the curriculum Thursday, but this should be reconsidered. There are certain books that everyone should read, and there's no harm in encouraging students to read them.

Fourthly, the State Board's practice of using a facilitator, StandardWorks, for expert advice while shunning the opinions from other education groups

and teachers is unacceptable. Texas teachers have hands-on experience with the state's curriculum and know what will and won't work for their children. Ignoring their insight could be the board's biggest mistake in this whole "political" mess.

From April 18 to May 18, the public can submit comments on the English language arts and reading curriculum. We urge you to voice your concerns — it may be your last chance to help fix a broken system before the State Board of Education takes its final vote May 23.

Science will be the next curriculum up for reform. Let's hope the board doesn't do away with physics.

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Students should increase participation in tenure process

Should there be more student involvement in a professor's quest for tenure?

Currently, a student's only voice is contained in the end-of-semester professor evaluation. This questionnaire is presented to students during the last minutes of class, when students' eyes are on the exit door.

I try to do justice to my professors that I like or that gave me a good grade.

However, I admit that I have marked the same bubble down the answer sheet because I was in a hurry.

Despite my self-admitted

laziness, which I am sure others are also guilty of, the answer choices from this end-of-semester evaluation hardly do justice to the actual performance of the professor.

A ranking from 1-5 seems quite convoluted.

Whoever made the questionnaire must have thought about this dilemma and thus provided space to write a few sentences about the professor.

However, the written portion is not seen by tenure committee or President Lilley. It is simply for the viewing pleasure of your teacher, after they have submit-

point of view

BY CHRISTINA KRUSE

ted the grades.

Students benefit, as well as suffer from a professor who has tenure. Professors who are allowed to further explore their trade gain knowledge to pass on to their students.

On the other hand, some professors think that their ten-

ure means that they are invincible — no matter how lousy of a teaching job they perform, their salary is guaranteed.

It should also be brought to mind that the university does not have a post-tenure review process to track a professor's academic progress after a certain amount of years.

Since students are most affected by the tenure decisions, they should have a more active role in the choosing process.

However, the student's role should not be one of unlimited power — individuals who have not completed their undergrad-

uate degree should not be an all-consuming influence on the doctoral degree holder's future in their field.

There are a number of possible ways a student may contribute to this process — someone could pay attention to the written comments on the student's evaluation of his or her teacher.

The fact that students actually want to help with the tenure process shows that there are a number of close student-faculty relationships.

Students want to see a professor who has impacted their lives gain a return from their

hard work as a mentor.

Ultimately, these decisions should be based on how well the professor has accomplished the following charge made by Alfred Adler, Austrian psychologist and colleague of Sigmund Freud.

As Adler said, "The educator must believe in the potential power of his pupil, and he must employ all his art in seeking to bring his pupil to experience this power."

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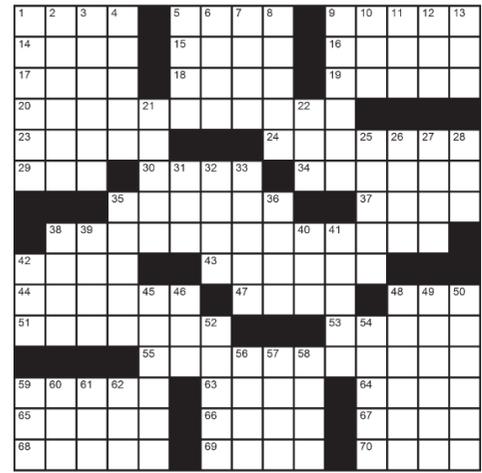
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Sunscreen needed in Iraq

By Sarah Rafique
Reporter

With summer approaching, soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq will begin to feel the sting of the sun as blistering temperatures rise in the Middle East.

Maj. Ali Masson, a Golden, Colo., graduate student, said that on a good day temperatures in Iraq and Afghanistan can range anywhere from 100 to 110 degrees.

In an effort to help soldiers avoid sun damage to the skin, the Department of Student Activities, along with Campfire Tejas, a local service agency, and ROTC will be collecting items for the Sunscreen for Soldiers drive, which kicks off April 1 and will last until April 25.

Collection boxes will be located in the McLane Student Life Center, Baylor Sciences Building and Bill Daniel Student Center.

Karin Klinger, associate director of student activities for organizations, service and administration, said students can donate non-aerosol sunscreen in small bottles with an SPF rating of 30 or higher.

Small bottles are easy to pack and carry, Klinger said.

The army does provide sunscreen through normal supply channels, but the containers are large and can be cumbersome during missions, Masson said.

"The pocket sized sunscreen,

30SPF or better, is perfect because when you are getting ready for missions, you're thinking 'ammo, water, do I know where I'm going, do I know what I'm supposed to do when I get there,' that kind of thing. And a lot of time, especially young soldiers, the last thing they think about is, 'Did I bring sunscreen?'" Masson said.

Cadet Martavia Moody, an Enterprise, Ala., junior said even though sunscreen isn't at the top of the list of concerns for soldiers, it is still an important part of staying healthy.

"Sunscreen is something that people don't really talk about with all the chaos going on. With the fighting, and people losing their lives, the last thing you probably think about is the damage from the environment," she said.

Masson, who commanded a company with the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Iraq in 2006, said even though soldiers get the best equipment available, even with technology evolving and companies producing new materials, nothing makes the blistering heat go away.

"The thing that you can't alleviate is you can't change the temperature; you can't change the fact that you have to go out on a missions, and you can't change the fact that you must wear body armor. The extreme heat is something every leader must consider and plan around," Masson said.

What to donate:

Pocket-sized
Non-aerosol
SPF 30 or better

Where to donate:

McLane Student Life Center
Baylor Sciences Building
Bill Daniel Student Center

Being sunburned affects not just an individual but the effectiveness of the entire unit, because it can take a critical person out of a mission, Masson said.

Campfire Tejas assigned each local school with a specific item to collect, including sunglasses, notes of encouragement and non-perishable snack items, Klinger said.

The agency assigned Baylor sunscreen.

Klinger sees the drive as an opportunity for Baylor to show support for American troops serving overseas.

The collection drive will end April 25 and conclude with an event April 27 when care packages will be assembled and sent to troops, Klinger said.

Students wishing to help in the assembly of the care packages can go to Russell Gym April 27 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Military couples living together

By Bradley Brooks and Russ Bynum
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — When American soldiers get off duty in Iraq, the men usually return to their quarters, the women to theirs. But Staff Sgt. Marvin Frazier gets to go back to a small trailer with two pushed-together single beds that he shares with his wife.

In a historic but little-noticed change in policy, the Army is allowing scores of husband-and-wife soldiers to live and sleep together in the war zone, a move aimed at preserving marriages, boosting morale and perhaps bolstering re-enlistment rates at a time when the military is struggling to fill its ranks five years into the fighting.

"It makes a lot of things easier," said Frazier, 33, a helicopter maintenance supervisor in the 3rd Infantry Division. "It really adds a lot of stress, being separated. Now you can sit face-to-face and try to work out things and comfort each other."

Long-standing Army rules barred soldiers of the opposite sex from sharing sleeping quarters in war zones. Even married troops lived only in all-male or all-female quarters and had no private living space.

But in May 2006, Army commanders in Iraq, with little fanfare, decided that it is in the military's interest to promote wedded bliss. In other words: What God has joined together, let no manual put asunder.



Staff Sgt. Keisha Frazier and her husband Staff Sgt. Marvin Frazier sit outside at Camp Striker in western Baghdad, Iraq, March 21, 2008.

"It's better for the soldiers, which means overall it's better for the Army," said Command Maj. Mark Thornton of the 3rd Infantry.

Military analysts said this is the first war in which the Army even gave the idea any serious consideration, a reflection not only of the large number of couples sent to war this time, but also of the way the fighting has dragged on.

While some couples were also sent into the 1991 Gulf War, the fighting was over before their living arrangements became an issue, said Lory Manning, a retired Navy captain who studies how military policies affect women for the nonprofit Women's Research and Education Institute.

More than 10,000 couples are

in the Army. Exactly how many are serving in the war zone, and how many of those are living together, are not clear. The Army said it does not keep track.

But Frazier and his wife, Staff Sgt. Keisha Frazier, are among about 40 married Army couples living together on "Couples Row" at Camp Striker, which is on the outskirts of Baghdad and is one of more than 150 U.S. military camps in Iraq. Similarly, a Couples Row opened in October at nearby Camp Victory, though it has trailers for only seven of the many couples who have requested them.

Husbands and wives are still prohibited from public displays of affection, under the same strict regulations that govern unmarried men and women in uniform.

BEAR BRIEFS

Hire A Bear will hold a Work in Waco Job Expo from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center. All students and alumni seeking full-time, part-time and internship opportunities are invited to meet with Waco employers. For more information visit www.hireabear.com

The 2nd Annual Educational Technology Showcase will be held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Moody Memorial Library, with presentations demonstrating new technology plans. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/lib/factech/ets.

Pre-season intramural soccer tournament will be held Thursday and Friday. Students may sign up in the Campus Recreation office in the SLC. The cost is \$30 per team, and the deadline to sign up is Wednesday. For more information, contact Crystal_Brewster@baylor.edu.

The City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department will offer a life-guard certification course from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the McLennan Community College pool for \$150. For more information, call (254)750-8092.

Armstrong Browning Library will begin the Beall Poetry Festival from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. The festival will feature a poetry reading by Jean Valentine. For more information, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/beall/>

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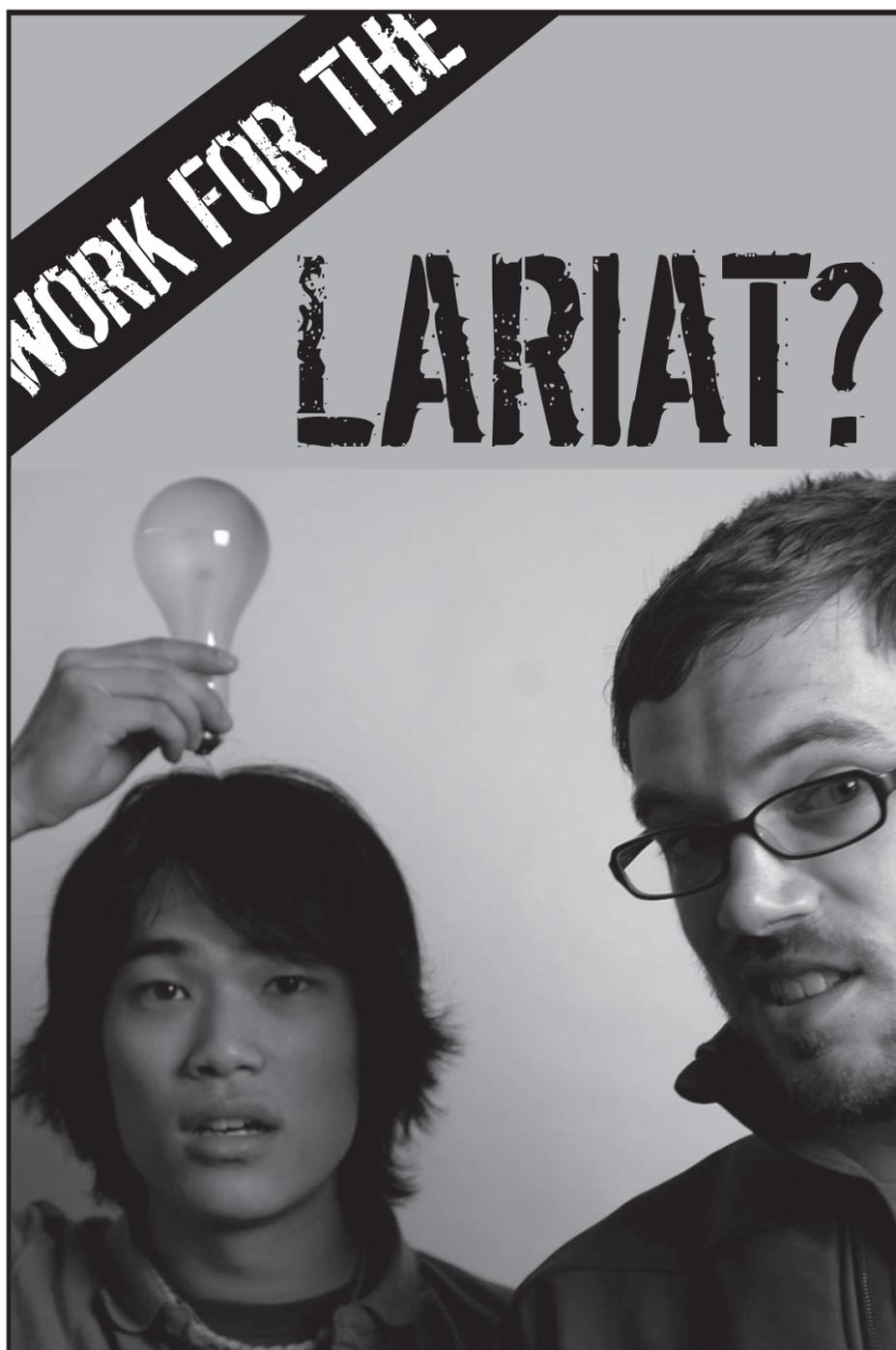
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Chief discusses female leaders

By Shannon Daily
Staff Writer

As students noisily filed into Bennett Auditorium last night, Dr. Wilma Mankiller came in fairly unnoticed and on the arm of her nephew. Mankiller was elected the first female principal chief to the Cherokee nation, one of the largest tribes in the United States.

After a brief introduction from a graduate student, she took the podium.

Mankiller spoke softly, but with force, commanding the attention of the room. She spoke of the trials she faced as a Native American woman moving into and maintaining a position of leadership in society today.

As one of 11 children, "No one ever told us that there were things we couldn't do because we were poor, that there were things we couldn't do because we were Cherokee," she said.

So she began to take on leadership roles, working her way up from typing to running for the highest position available within the tribe.

During her campaign for election, Mankiller faced crit-

ics — those who said a woman couldn't run the tribe. A fairly similar situation to Sen. Hillary Clinton's attempt to break through the "ultimate glass ceiling," Mankiller said.

At her first meeting with the council after she was elected, Mankiller began experiencing problems.

"Everybody had their own microphone, and during the course of the meeting every time I would try to conduct the meeting this one fellow kept interrupting me and kept saying I wasn't following some obscure rule I'd never heard of," she said.

After the meeting Mankiller decided she would have to take action so she wouldn't have to battle the council through every meeting of the next four years.

"I'm not a divisive person. I like to solve problems in a non-divisive way," she said. "So what I did was between the first meeting and the second meeting I went to the communications department and I asked them to change all the microphones so that I controlled the microphones. And then when he started interrupting me, I just turned

off his microphone."

Through the rest of her time as the principal elected chief Mankiller continued to face problems, but those around her became used to her soft-spoken ways and learned she wasn't going to bang on the table and yell to get them to listen to her, she said.

Raleigh, N.C., junior Brad Knott asked whether or not Mankiller thought discrimination against women could be eliminated without discrimination against men.

"There's always a need for balance, Mankiller said. "That's the best world, where you have the voices of both men and women."

Venezuela freshman Jennifer Licero then brought up the issue of women as both mothers and active members of the workforce and how to balance the two.

"In my view it's a myth that we're in a post-feminist era," she said as she discussed the disproportionate amounts of responsibility women have for a family.

While many women are able to afford childcare, most have to do the best they can, she said.

Democrats choose state delegates

By Christina Kruse
Staff writer

The results are in from the democratic county convention held in Waco this Saturday. Contrary to Sen. Hillary Clinton's, D-N.Y., win in the primaries held in March, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., came out on top.

Out of the 81 delegates chosen to attend the democratic state convention from McLennan County, 47 will represent Obama, while 20 delegates are going for Clinton. The last 14 of the 81 spots available are reserved for at-large delegates. Two hundred and thirty delegates from the county applied for the opportunity to attend the state convention, which will be June in Austin.

"The overall atmosphere was very enthusiastic," John Cullar, chair of the McLennan County Democratic Party said.

Cullar noted that Saturday's convention was a model for Democratic unity.

"Democrats are excited for two history making candidate and ready for change, so that really transferred to the spirit at the County Convention," Plano Senior Stephanie Formas said. Formas was selected as an alternate for a Clinton delegate, should one of the elected delegates be unable to attend.

Delegates still campaigned for either Obama or Clinton.

"People were passionately wanting to advocate for their candidate," Director of Internet Services, Randy Woodruff, said. Woodruff also served on the rules committee at the convention and will attend the state convention as an Obama representative.

Despite Obama's lead in the Texas caucus, Clinton supporters are hopeful. "Although many pundits and Democrats are calling for Senator Clinton to withdraw from the race, I don't think this race for the nomination is over yet. There are many states still left to cast their votes, and the actual difference in popular

vote between in the two candidates is less than one percent," Formas said.

In the primaries, held March 4th, Clinton received 51 percent of the votes, gaining 65 national convention delegates.

After the primaries ended that night, more than 1 million Democrats caucused. Obama lead in the caucus with close to 56 percent the first night, according to an unofficial count held by the Texas Democratic Party.

From the state convention, 67 delegates will be chosen to move on to the national convention, which will be held late August in Denver, Colo.

Before the Texas county conventions held on Saturday, Obama was ahead in total number of delegates, 1,623 to 1,499. A minimum of 2,024 delegates are needed to obtain the Democratic nomination. Another deciding factor for the nomination will include the super delegates, who are not pledged to any particular candidate.

Hankamer alumni among Barron's top 30 CEOs

By Victoria Turner
Reporter

As the spring semester gets closer to its end, seniors tend to be concerned with how successful they'll be after graduating from Baylor University. Barron's Magazine published an article Tuesday that listed the top 30 chief executive officers in the United States and two Baylor alumni made the list.

Mark Hurd, CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company, graduated with a major in business administration in 1979. The second Baylor alumnus on the list was chairman of the board and CEO of XTO Energy Bob Simpson, who graduated in 1970 as an accounting major with honors and completed his master's degree from Baylor in 1971.

"At Baylor there are two aspects of our education that equip people well to advance to very high levels in the organization they're in," said Kendall Artz, chairman of the department of management and entrepreneurship.

He identified the two aspects as technical training and team-building skills.

"We do an excellent job of providing people with the technical knowledge they need to be real competent in their jobs. We have a very strong faculty that enables students to come out of here and really they don't have to take a back seat to anyone," he said. "The other thing you really need to advance to a high level, to a CEO position, is you really have to have a really strong ability to lead people, to work with other people."

Associate dean of undergraduate business programs, Dr. Blaine McCormick agreed on with Artz.

"From what I can tell, we have two things that seem the opposite of each other but they actually work very much in tandem," he said. "We have very

good quantitative education, coupled with a very good people-skills education. They sound like opposites, but they're really two things that are held in tension with one another, and from that tension comes higher performance."

This quantitative education is what Artz explained as technical knowledge.

"Technical knowledge is the specific knowledge an individual has to have or has to understand to be able to do that particular job," he said. "We do a great job at providing the specific knowledge an individual needs, as well as the more general people skills."

McCormick sees Hurd as a good example of a combination of both aspects of the business school's education.

"Mark Hurd kind of exemplifies this," he said. "He came out of Hankamer School and went into professional sales and he is now known as an operational leader, meaning that he really watches the data and the metric and the operational numbers in his company."

Artz agreed that the business school put as much emphasis on the development of people skills in education as on technical training.

"That's something we've stressed a great deal and, personally, I think we do a great job at helping people learn how to work effectively with others," he said. "In many of our classes we stress group work. There are so many activities in which students are forced in some sense to work with people from a lot different background coming from a lot of different skill sets. Students become very proficient at leading others and working with others and forming and coalitions, if you will, with other people which you have to be able to do if you're going to become an executive of a major organization."

Both Simpson and Hurd have very successful stories and, even if they're not the most usual stories of Baylor alums, Artz said those who graduate from the business school tend to be very successful in what they decide to do.

"Getting to be the CEO of XTO or the CEO of Hewlett-Packard is a rare thing, there are just not that many people in the United States who ever advance to that position," he said. "I think our graduates generally do very well in their positions."

McCormick agreed. "Our numbers in the accounting program and on our accounting assessments track very highly, so we know that we're doing a good job teaching," he said. "These are a couple of pretty successful individuals, but one thing that I can say that I know that Mr. Simpson has greatly appreciated his accounting education here and his accounting professors."

In his Q&A with the Baylor Business Review, Hurd also had fond memories of a professor at Baylor.

"While at Baylor, I had a professor who had a positive influence on me. Dr. Clifton Williams taught a course on leadership and management and spent a lot of time talking about the difference between the two. We discussed the importance of developing people to become leaders and about the importance of (a) leader's role in aligning an organization to execute against a plan," he said. "What I learned from Dr. Williams has stuck with me 27 years later and I would argue that he has been one of the most profound influences on my career."

Even though it can't be said that every graduate will achieve a level of success such as Simpson or Hurd, McCormick said that he believes that the one typical thing he can point out is "an entrepreneurial spirit."

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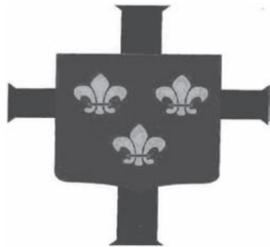
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Internet shifts tennis recruiting beyond U.S. borders

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

The college tennis landscape on campuses all over the country has been changing quietly over the past several decades. With the advent of the Internet, staid tennis recruiting patterns have been shattered in favor of systems that more readily identify talent abroad.

With few outside observers realizing it, NCAA tennis recruiting has become an international battlefield.

"If you look at the rankings 20 years ago in college, of the top 100 players, probably 80 of 100 were Americans," said Tim Cass, former Texas A&M University men's tennis head coach. "That speaks loudly for the change looking at the last two decades, and has allowed teams to be very competitive."

The change Cass speaks of has been sweeping and all-encompassing, and Baylor supporters need look no further than their own teams for proof. Fifteen of the 19 Baylor men's and women's tennis players are foreign-born. Graduated Germany products Benedikt Dorsch and Ben Becker both won men's singles titles at Baylor while Slovakia senior Zuzana Zemenova currently leads the No. 2 Lady Bears.

"It's going to a lot more online-based," said Mike Lancaster, owner of athletic-scholarships.net. "The world is getting smaller and smaller, so we're getting more international athletes in recruiting. We're going to see less coaches traveling and more internet-based recruiting."

Lancaster's Web site is a shining example of the modern advancements in the war over international tennis recruits. For a fee of \$395, his service compiles a sports resume for a potential recruit and shoots it out to all Division I and II coaches. He said that more than 500 student athletes currently employ him and that he sports an 85 percent success rate with his clients.

More than just international recruits, Lancaster extends his

service to American players who might have been elbowed out of roster contention due to a spike in international recruits and an unchanging number of roster spots.

"It's a myth that college coaches will find you if you're good enough," Lancaster said. "The days of coaches going around and seeing all of their athletes is a thing of the past."

With the globalization of the tennis landscape, he said services like his, are now bringing the recruits to the doorstep of the coaches instead of the other way around.

But Cass said that while the advent of the digital age has helped recruiting, NCAA coaches still value tangible travel and meetings with potential recruits.

"What the Internet has allowed is quick and handy access to results. You can do some searching on players and off a piece of paper can draw some conclusions," Cass said. "There's a good amount of coaches that are physically going over there and evaluating talent. I don't think it's only done by the Internet. Top programs are spending time physically searching."

Still, Cass said the process of juggling between domestic and foreign players on the recruiting trail is an inexact science. While it's markedly different in other sports where recruiting is based almost solely in the United States, the plethora of tennis talent means that some college Texas coaches "wouldn't have a clue of top Texas players" off the top of their heads, he said.

"With the international players, you could have a communication with a kid and two weeks later you're signing them," Cass said. "The top Americans are taking unofficial visits and are very familiar with the process. With the international players it can be pretty sped up."

The Internet has been a major driver in the expansion of recruiting databases that extend beyond U.S. borders. Cass, who coached the Aggies to three Big 12 tournament titles and a regu-



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Sophomore Zuzana Chmelarova hits a forehand volley in a doubles match against the Northwestern University Wednesday night at the Baylor Tennis Center. The No. 2 Lady Bears lost, 5-2 to top-ranked Northwestern.

lar season title from 1997 to 2006, said that ready access to worldwide player performances is no longer a pipe dream for college coaches.

"Every coach has (their) own philosophy in terms of building a team and a program," Cass said. "The Internet is an avenue for all coaches, and it gives you real ready access to results. We might have 10 or 12 kids we're recruiting for one or two spots and we would follow their progress daily."

Of the six available starting positions on the 16 men's and women's tennis programs in the Big 12 this season, about 67 percent are filled by foreign-born players. The men's programs at the universities of Nebraska,

Oklahoma and Oklahoma State started no U.S. players in its most recent matches, while four teams had at least four U.S.-born players starting last week.

Ben Belletto, the head men's tennis coach at Division III Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., said that in the last five years, his program has been privy to more American-born players due to the heavy influx of players from outside the country at higher levels.

"I think that part of being in a college tennis program is development," Belletto said. "It's always a fear when the best players on your team are freshmen and sophomores. At the DI level it's more of a job and more of a thing to be using the sys-

tem, because the universities are using the players as well. It's slightly more parasitic at the top."

Former Arkansas University women's tennis assistant coach Jon McLaughlin said it's as simple as supply and demand. McLaughlin said American players aren't filling the demand for high-quality college tennis players, so courting more international players was the next logical step.

"Everybody wants to be as good as they can be, but the main thing behind it is that there are so many schools that offer programs versus the actual numbers of tennis players quality enough to fill those spots," McLaughlin said. "There

are some DII programs where if you can chew gum and hit a forehand then they'll take you. Coaches are forced to go overseas. The competition is just better over there, and that breeds better players."

One thing nearly everybody agrees upon is that the level of parity in all levels of college tennis has skyrocketed. With so many foreign players, most of which have had very little interplay with more than a handful of college coaches, seemingly every team has a chance to sign an undiscovered star with the potential to turn a program into a nationally recognized power.

"The reality is that a lot of the internationals don't visit schools the same way Americans would," Cass said. "It's allowed many schools to be very competitive and I think you're seeing a lot of parity."

Baylor women's tennis head coach Joey Scrivano declined to comment on international recruiting.

Whether or not change is necessary to even the field is subject to lengthy debate. Belletto said he wouldn't be surprised to see the United States Tennis Association step in within the next few years to protect dwindling American participation in the highest levels of college tennis.

Some say that the best players are rightfully gobbling up the scholarships, while others see the recruiting field as unfavorably skewed towards international players.

"I don't see it changing unless the USTA gets involved and rewards teams for giving scholarships or a certain percentage of scholarships to Americans," Cass said. "It's gotten so competitive that it has the potential of being a ripple effect of the tennis world in America. The majority of our teaching pros probably came through college tennis. Those opportunities are being limited."

With a true consensus a long way off, the future of college tennis recruiting is currently as murky as it is rewarding for coaches who look beyond U.S. borders for the next big thing.

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Semi-pro league gives players second chance

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

For those lucky few who play college football, four years of training, exhilarating victories and crushing defeats pass quickly: helmets gather dust on the mantle, musty letter jackets seem to shrink and grass-stained footballs begin to deflate.

But former Baylor athletes John Henry and LeQualan McDonald, along with the rest of the Waco Thunder semi-professional football team, aren't ready to let that happen.

The Thunder is in its second year as part of the Texas United Football League, which contains teams across Texas and one team in Shreveport, Louisiana. Just like the NFL and the NCAA, the TUFL plays 11-man

football and conducts playoffs in the same manner.

"We have cheerleaders to entertain the crowd, we have a drum-line, security and concessions," general manager Jason Turnbo said.

The Thunder competes in the central division of the northern conference, currently holding third place with a 3-2 record. Last year, they fell just one spot shy of the playoffs.

Turnbo's squad, where he doubles as a tight end, runs the spread offense and varies defense between four downed linemen and three.

However, the major difference is, in one word, money.

"They don't get paid, so they retain college eligibility," Turnbo said.

Recent high school graduates

can join with collegiate alumni to sharpen their skills and hope for a college scholarship. Don't aey Ward, a local standout at Waco High School, has already taken advantage of the situation. After leaving Texas Tech University for personal reasons, the former Red Raider received an offer to go west to West Texas A&M University.

"We give players a second chance to go on to the next level," Turnbo said.

For many semi-professional athletes, that level is in the Arena Football League.

"They like to see you play two positions in the AFL," head coach Dennis Bates said. With limited roster sizes, players need to play both offense and defense.

McDonald is one of those players. Of Baylor's former play-

ers, McDonald competed for the Bears most recently, leaving the squad in 2005 after 23 consecutive starts as an offensive guard. For the Thunder, he has played multiple positions, including offensive guard, defensive tackle and even contributing in the yardage category with three touchdowns on the year.

"He is just explosive for this league," Bates said. "He draws a double-team every time."

John Henry competes for a different reason. A running back under Grant Teaff's final season, he tied Paul Mosley for the seventh most career rushing touchdowns. But the 5-foot-9-inch linebacker and running back, now 37, plays for fun.

"He's still got it, He's still fast," Bates said. "It's hard to take him down."

While current Thunder players compete for their place in the pros, former University of Mary-Hardin Baylor and Thunder teammate Freddie Rollins signed a contract with the Bossier City Battlewings, an AFL franchise.

"He's a local legend around Waco. He was recruited by Mack Brown at UT, but didn't pass through the clearinghouse," Turnbo said.

The Thunder will face the No. 1-ranked North Texas Stampede 7 p.m. Saturday at the TCA Stars field located across Bagby Ave. from the Waco I.S.D. stadium. Tickets are \$3 for children, \$5 for adults and \$1 for Baylor students with their Baylor ID.

"We want Baylor to back us as much as possible, and the city of Waco to back us, too," Turnbo said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball avoids sweep with Sunday victory over Sooners

After losing its first two games in Norman, Okla., over the weekend, No. 20 Baylor baseball managed to escape Sooner country with a 7-3 win Sunday. The Bears (16-9, 3-6), who snapped a five-game conference losing streak with victory, were propelled by Aaron Miller's two home runs. It was Miller's third multi-homerun game this season. Baylor travels to Fort Worth today to take on Texas Christian University. First pitch is slated for 7 p.m.

Softball's struggles continue in Stillwater

The Lady Bears suffered their fourth and fifth straight losses over the weekend against Oklahoma State University. Baylor (18-12, 1-5) has already surpassed last year's amount of conference losses in just its first six conference games. The Lady Bears opened the series with an 11-5 walloping at the mercy of the Cowgirls. While Shaina Brock provided a stronger pitching performance for the Lady Bears on Sunday, Baylor's bats were nearly held silent in a 3-1 defeat.

Dunn selected to Freshman All-American team

Baylor guard LaceDarius Dunn was named honorable mention freshman All-America by Collegehoops.net on Friday. Dunn averaged 13.6 points and 4.1 rebounds for the Bears, who are coming off their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1988. The Monroe, La., native was one of four representatives from the Big 12 Conference. Other selections included Kansas State University's Michael Beasley (first team) and Bill Walker (third team), and the University of Oklahoma's Blake

Rangers, Mariners feel renewed

By Gregg Bell
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ace pitcher Kevin Millwood pulled the hood of his blue Rangers sweatshirt over his head. Then he pulled the drawstrings so tightly only his mouth, nose and eyes poked through.

Charlton Jimerson, Seattle's late position player to make the team Sunday, stood in front of the Mariners dugout wearing a blue knit cap far below his ears — and spoke for them all.

"A little frio," the outfielder said Sunday, exactly a year to the day after the Houston Astros cut him.

"But I'll take it."

The Rangers and Mariners will take the rare, late-March snow in Seattle they saw Saturday night upon their return from spring training in the Arizona desert. Will take temperatures that were in the upper 30s when they stepped on the field for workouts late Sunday morning — and the expected game-time temperature of 46 degrees when they begin the season Monday afternoon, too.

The teams that have a combined zero playoff appearances out of the AL West in the last six years are feeling the renewing powers of opening day.

"I think after last year everyone came back and worked harder in spring training and were in better shape," Millwood said of these Rangers, compared to the 2007 team that finished Texas' sixth losing season in seven years.

"I think we've got a better clubhouse going, where we're all working together."

Ron Washington, beginning his second season as Texas' manager, thinks a healthier pitching rotation — Millwood says he is past his hamstring problems from early in camp — and the additions of Milton Bradley, Josh Hamilton and Ben Broussard to the lineup means a new day in Rangers baseball will dawn Monday.

He can't fathom a 10-15 April or a 9-20 May, the months that doomed Texas to last place in '07.

"I don't feel we'll play as terrible of baseball this April and May," Washington said. "I don't

think our top two starters will get off to such bad starts. I don't think our best players will get off to such bad starts."

"I think we're better in that way."

Or, as Millwood said of the Rangers' renewed vibe: "Guys aren't going their own way anymore. Everyone's going in the same direction."

As in up. From 0-0, with 162 games to play. And from spring trainings that were either meaningless or, in the case of Seattle's new ace Erik Bedard, forgettable.

Bedard, whom Seattle acquired for five players in a trade with Baltimore last month, will make his second opening day start opposite Millwood.

It's Bedard's chance for renewal, too, after an unsightly 8.63 ERA and nine home runs allowed in six spring starts.

Are his problems meaningless history?

"I hope so," Mariners manager John McLaren said, chuckling. "They are."

"He had trouble gripping the ball in Arizona, like everybody else. ... He's ready. I'm expecting



Texas Rangers' pitcher Kevin Millwood, right, warms up during a workout preparing for opening day for the MLB baseball team against the Seattle Mariners in Seattle Sunday.

a huge game from him."

Bedard lives just outside Ottawa and spends his winters there. He may feel like he's at home — in January — on Monday. Forecasters expect a first-pitch temperature of 46 degrees, which would tie the coldest opening day in Seattle history,

from 2001.

The Mariners hope that's an omen. That season ended with an AL-record 116 wins and Seattle's last postseason appearance.

Now the Mariners have bolstered their rotation with Bedard and Carlos Silva, signed for \$48 million from Minnesota.

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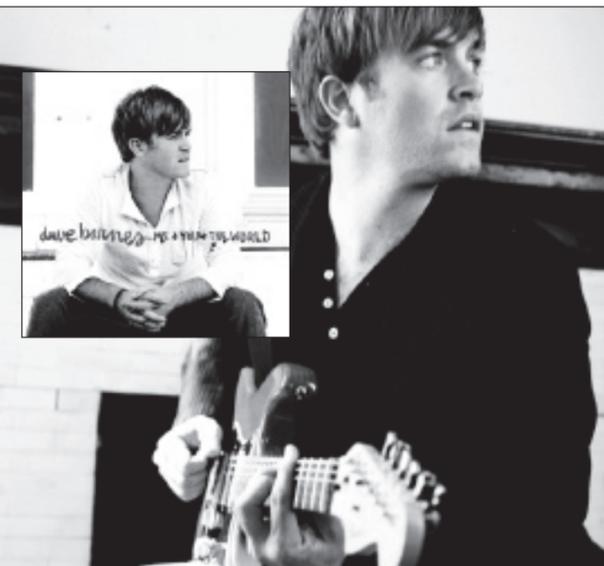
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Dave Barnes returns to Baylor with new album in tow



Courtesy of Razor and Tie
Dave Barnes will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Common Grounds with Andy Davis. His new CD, *Me and You and the World*, is also out today.

By Emily Monti
Reporter

Singer-songwriter Dave Barnes will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at Common Grounds.

The performance coincides with the release of his new album, *Me and You and the World*, which is out today.

Barnes, who is no stranger to the Baylor campus after having performed here numerous times, will perform with Andy Davis at Saturday's show.

In an e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat*, Barnes said the show will feature old and new songs, and that he will perform with a full band.

Me and You and the World is his debut album with record label Razor and Tie.

The style of the songs on the album range from jazz to gospel.

"I really just try to follow where my inspiration leads me,"

Barnes said. "If I want to write something country one day I do that, and then whatever inspires me the next day, I'll write that."

Barnes' new album even includes two previously released songs, "Until You" and "On a Night Like This."

"Until You" has been remixed, and I wrote a new verse for 'On a Night Like This,'" Barnes said.

He said the songs were added to the CD because they had previously done "really well with the fans."

"I enjoy Barnes' CD because it is so different," said Hillsboro sophomore McCall Parrish. "There is so much variety that it is interesting and eye opening the entire way through."

Many of Barnes' songs reflect his past experiences.

Barnes said visits to Africa are what inspired the song "10,000 Children."

He is largely involved in an organization called Mocha Club,

which helps people in Africa get medicine, housing and money.

"It has given me amazing motivation in my career knowing that I can use my talent to help people other than myself. It makes my career feel much more focused than others," Barnes said.

Davis, who is opening for Barnes, is also involved with mission work.

"I am involved with Tom's Shoes, which essentially means that when you buy a pair of their shoes, you're also buying a pair for a child," Davis said of the charity, which is based out of Argentina.

Davis has performed at The Waco Hippodrome and has also played benefit shows for causes such as Invisible Children.

Davis said his album, *Let the Woman*, is more his voice in writing about issues affecting the world.

"I try to write every day, but

normally I have to wait until I feel kind of pregnant and ready to pop with an idea," Davis said of his songwriting process.

Barnes recently returned from performing on a cruise with John Mayer.

"When someone with John's talent is kind enough to show favor to someone like me, there's a real feeling of being on the right path, that my career is going the way it should," Barnes said.

Barnes said he hopes the concert will make people dance and laugh, but more importantly, let them know what is going on in the world and offer them hope.

"You never know what you're going to get," Barnes said of the show.

Tickets can be purchased on Barnes' Web site at www.davebarnes.com for \$15 or at the door for \$18.

For more information about the show, contact Common Grounds at (254) 757-2957.

Alumna's play to raise mental health awareness

By Jade Ortego
Reporter

Baylor alumna Lacy Lynch has written an award-winning play spotlighting mental health issues that will premier in Dallas this weekend.

Lynch had problems sleeping, a hard time concentrating and experienced mood swings. During her freshman year she sought help and was found to be one of the 26 percent of American adults that suffer from a mental disorder. She was diagnosed with Cyclothymia, a mild form of bipolar disorder.

With the help of some professors, in 2006 Lynch became the first person with a known disability to graduate with honors from Baylor. She was also the first theater major to graduate from the Honors College.

Lynch's undergraduate thesis would later become *Reason for Referral*, a play about three theater majors trying to manage their mental health issues and express themselves through art.

Lynch said it's a "modern *Breakfast Club* on the mental health platform."

While at Baylor, Lynch read the book *Wives and Daughters* for a class and recognized a central character with mental health issues. During class discussions she found that her classmates perceived this character to be a villain, while Lynch said she identified with her.

She said the main characters in *Reason for Referral* are based on the novel's characters in a modern setting.

Lynch's play, like the book, shows many "life aspects outside of the psychological aspect" of mental health, said Danielle Reeves, who plays a main character, Jill.



Lynch

"It depicts co-dependence, addiction and many other things that stem from those problems," Reeves said.

Lynch said she noticed that her friends who were theater majors were more likely to have mental health issues than many of her other friends, and this seemed to support recent studies that claim links between mental illness and creativity.

Vincent Van Gogh, Emily Dickinson, Virginia Woolf and many others are believed to have suffered from a form of mental illness while also making significant contributions to their fields, Lynch said. It was only after they died, Lynch said, that many were recognized for the work they had done.

"We need to find a way to integrate people like this in their lifetime. We must teach them to use their creativity in a healthy way," she said.

Reason for Referral addresses the social stigmas that surround mental health issues.

Lynch offered the example

that if someone was attending a high school reunion, it is unlikely that "you would tell your former classmates that you struggled with a mental disorder, but you would tell them that you battled cancer. This comes from the misperception that a person with a diagnosed illness is radically different or weak-minded."

Dr. Tamara Hodges, an educational psychology lecturer who has worked with Lynch for several years, said it takes a strong person to admit they can't do everything on their own.

"It is a huge step to say 'I can't get a good perspective on this because I'm just too close to it,'" said Hodges.

The play is meant to be informative for those who may know someone suffering from a mental disorder.

"It shows how painful it can be on that side of things and how cold and judgmental people can be," Hodges said. "It makes you question if you've really been supportive."

Lynch said the overarching

theme of *Reason for Referral* is to go for things despite limitations.

"ADHD and bipolar (disorder) are conditions you have, not what you are — people don't say 'I am cancer,'" Lynch said. "Everyone has to transcend labels people assign to them, including labels like 'the fat kid' or 'the smart kid.'"

Lynch said her play is a platform for what she considers to be her ministry. She said she hopes to one day take it to Waco and around college campuses. *Reason for Referral* has been performed as a stage reading at The Ensemble Studio Theater in New York and at Baylor. It will open at 8:15 p.m. Friday at the Dallas Hub Theater and will be performed throughout April. Tickets are \$10 for students.

Lynch said many people have told her they've gotten help after watching *Reason for Referral*. In this way, she said, "it is already a success."

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Zimbabwe's opposition claims victory

However, slow official returns fuel worries of ballot rigging

By Angus Shaw
The Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's opposition claimed victory Monday in the elections, while a slow trickle in official results raised fears that supporters of longtime President Robert Mugabe were rigging the count.

Mugabe has been accused of stealing previous elections, but that was before Zimbabwe's once thriving farm economy nearly collapsed and before leading members of the ruling party openly defied him.

Independent observers said trends supported the main opposition party's contention that it was leading in the presidential race, but the monitors said the edge would not be enough to avoid a runoff.

"We have won an election. Mugabe's victory is not possible given the true facts," Tendai

Biti, secretary-general of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change, told reporters.

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission offered no results in the presidential race. And the body took 15 hours to release results from just 66 parliamentary seats out of the 128 contested.

The Movement for Democratic Change, led by labor leader Morgan Tsvangirai, won 36 of the races announced, while Mugabe's ruling party got 30. Five seats went to a breakaway faction of Tsvangirai's party.

Many people worried the slow pace of reporting tallies from Saturday's vote was to allow time to fix the results in the president's favor. Some raised the possibility it was possible the delay was a way to let authorities prepare for a revolutionary transition in power in this bitterly divided country.

Tsvangirai's party said he was leading the presidential race with 60 percent of votes, based on unofficial counts reported from 128 of the



Associated Press

Ruling Zanu pf supporters celebrate Monday following the victory of one of their candidates in Harare. Zimbabwe held Presidential and parliamentary elections with results slowly being announced.

country's 210 parliamentary districts. It gave Mugabe 30 percent of votes and the rest to Simba Makoni, a former Mugabe loyalist.

Tsvangirai lost narrowly in the 2002 election according to official results, but observers charged that election was rigged.

The opposition party also

claimed it had an overwhelming lead for 96 of the 128 up for grabs.

If such margins held, it would be a crushing blow for Mugabe, who headed the guerrilla movement that fought a seven-year bush war to end white-minority rule and bring democracy to Zimbabwe in 1980.

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It was neat to put a smile on their face, and I'm definitely doing it again next year," Price said.

Runners were divided into categories according to age and gender. The top three winners won cash prizes in the categories of overall male and female, overall masters male and female (age 45+), and male and female Baylor students, with first place receiving \$300; second, \$200; and third, \$100. The categories also were broken up into smaller age divisions, of which the top three winners in each won a trophy.

Waco senior Stephen Petree was the first Baylor student to

finish, with a time of 1:22.4. This was Petree's fourth year to run the Bearathon.

"All the support at each mile marker really helped and made it fun," Petree said. "With this being my last year at Baylor, it feels good to go out with a good time."

Simi Jaramillo, McLennan Community College student from Llano, created a buzz among runners and supporters after running the last ten miles without shoes.

"My feet started cramping, so I took off my shoes around mile three," Jaramillo said. "I'm feeling much better now." Jaramillo finished third in the 18-25 male division.

Earnest Jones, pastor from

Georgetown and '90 Baylor graduate, travelled with a group of Baylor alumni to run the race.

Earnest was surprised by the steep inclines in Cameron Park and said it was the most painful race he had ever run.

"We're thinking about suing Baylor for not putting a warning sign on this race like they do with roller coasters," Earnest said. "I'm just kidding. It was tough, but it was a lot of fun. We'll definitely be back next year."

Results for overall male Baylor students: 1, Stephen Petree, 1:22.04; 2, Alex Tworkowski, 1:22.36; 3, Timothy Walker 1:34.22.

Results for overall female Baylor students: 1, Katie Canalicchio, 1:46.22; 2, Katy Keith,

1:48.00; 3, Elizabeth Turman, 1:49.24.

Results for overall male: 1, Joshua Keena, Pflugerville 1:16.13; 2, Craig Ottman, Keller 1:16.28; 3, Jonathan McPherson, Waco 1:19.41.

Results for overall female: 1, Hellen Rotich, Manor 1:22.57; 2, Anna Gaethe, Pflugerville 1:27.02; 3, Julee Guinn, Waco 1:30.21.

Results for masters overall male: 1, Ernesto Caballero, Dallas 1:12.10; 2, Pete Martinez, Mexia 1:20.51; 3, Paul Illich, Waco 1:26.12.

Results for masters overall female: 1, Margo Braud, Austin 1:38.08; 2, Lourdes Ellis, Irving 1:44.21; 3, Laurie Mitchell, Dallas 1:45.33.

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a family."

Nall said some students who are insistent upon leaving Waco immediately after graduation should open their eyes and look for opportunities to get real-world experience and build their employment skills.

"I would say that freshmen, sophomores and juniors need to get out and see what opportunities are out here for them ear-

lier on in their academic career," Nall said. "Four years is a lot of time to be spent idle — you are not getting out into the community and doing something to enhance your resume."

Tulsa, Okla., junior Kali Domoney thinks that students may desire a change in environment after finishing school in Waco.

"I think students want to experience something else after graduating from Baylor," Domoney said. "Some students

might think it's a little weird to stay in Waco if they are not going to school here."

Domoney said that having students stay and invest in Waco would help the city, but students are also drawn to the appeal of moving to a larger city.

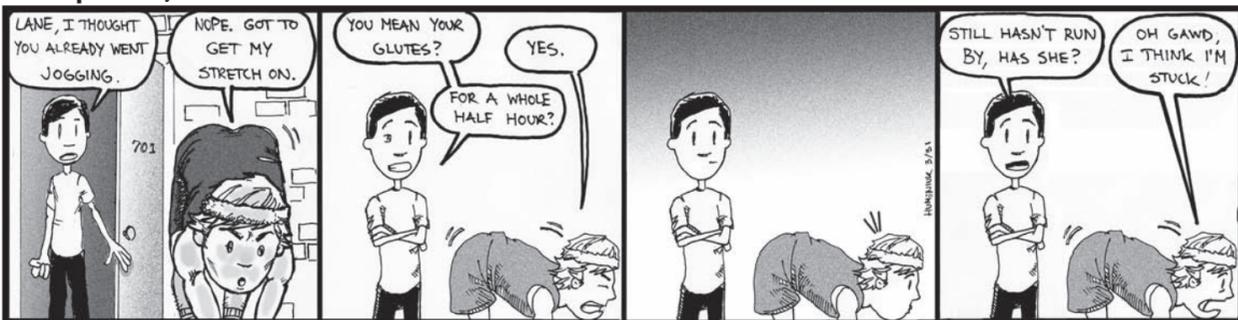
Nall said that many Baylor alumni opt to come back after a few years of working in other cities.

"We expect that some students are going to graduate and

want to move out to bigger cities to continue their schooling or start a career," Nall said. "I have talked to lots of alums who leave to work in big cities and return. Students should realize that Waco is a place where they can come back and settle if they wanted."

Students can find a complete listing of participating businesses and how to prepare for the expo under the Career Services Web site on the Baylor Web page.

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White House: Bush, Putin may resolve missile differences

By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The White House raised hopes Monday of achieving a breakthrough agreement to resolve bitter differences with Moscow over missile defenses in Europe when President Bush meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin this weekend.

Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, said no deal was in hand yet but the two leaders could nail it down when they meet Sunday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. "We may. We're hopeful," he said. It will be the last meeting between the two men before Putin steps away from the Russian presidency.

Hadley briefed reporters on Air Force One as Bush flew to Ukraine to begin a weeklong trip in Eastern Europe, anchored by a NATO summit in Bucharest, Romania. Arriving in Kiev late at night, Bush was presented with a traditional greeting of bread and salt. His wife, Laura, was given a bouquet of flowers.

The Western military alliance has been strained by the refusal of

Germany and other allies to send more combat troops to Afghanistan, prompting accusations from Washington that they are shirking their duty. France announced last week it would send more forces, probably a battalion of elite paratroopers. That has reduced some of the pressure and allowed Bush and other leaders to step back from a NATO clash. Britain and Poland also are expected to do more.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, in Denmark ahead of the NATO summit, set measured expectations.

"I would be surprised if we saw commitments in Bucharest at a level that would fully meet all the requirements" for combat troops and military and police trainers, Gates said. "But we'll just keep working at it."

The United States wants not only more troops, but also fewer restrictions from some governments on how their troops can be used.

The U.S. proposal for a missile defense shield in Eastern Europe has been a major source of friction between Washington and Moscow.

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assumptions," Murray said.

Murray is looking forward to the dialogue that will follow the conversation.

"Engaging in conversation does not mean we'll put our faith into question," she said.

A conversation that is a challenge is a place where people grow and allows people to take ownership in what they believe, Murray said.

Wescosville, Penn., junior Sam Chen said that the movie "really opens our eyes to the world beyond Christianity."

He also discussed the environment that college gives in support of dialogue.

"One of the great things about higher education is creating an atmosphere of robust discussion," he said.

Chen talked about the importance of conversations on differences.

"There are conversations to be had," Chen said.

A conversation is not an argument. "It can't be about arguing. When we argue, even if we win, we lose," said Detweiler in the film.

The movie will be shown at 7:30 p.m. today in the Alexander Reading Room in Alexander Residence Hall.

The screening will be followed by a question and answer session and then a reception with book and DVD signing.

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dent body, but the greater Waco community. I would be honored to do both to the best of my abilities."

Dubois said that the large number of applications received to run for student government office may reflect student government's growing impact on the student body.

"I feel that this year, compared to previous years, student government has made even more adjustments for a positive change, and the voice of student government has reached more students on campus," he said. "At the same time, I feel that more people are running because they want to do it in their style, do it differently, change the process we had this year and, undoubtedly, make it better."

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