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University policies to be streamlined

Committee aims to refine and collect policies in online database with search engine

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Faculty, staff and students will soon have a valuable resource — a consistent, thorough and easily accessible database of university policies.

Dr. Karla Leeper, chief of staff to the president, is heading a committee with the task of collecting university policies, examining the policies with conflicting information, recommending necessary changes to any policies and, finally, working with Informa-

tion Technology Services to publicly display these policies online.

The committee will also work to establish a process for students, faculty and staff to recommend amendments to any university policy affecting them. The online compilation of policies will include a search engine.

Matthew Cordon, chairman of the faculty senate, said this dissection of policies is long overdue.

“For far too long, the university operated without sound principles governing the development and adoption of new policies,” Cordon said. “A number of former administrators seemed to have adopted new universitywide policies without considering existing policies or, at times, providing any documentation regard-

ing what the new policies were. In several instances, areas of the university seemed to change their practices at will without any documentation regarding these practices.”

Leeper said the committee aims to revamp policies and the accompanying procedures to change policies in order to increase university “transparency and responsiveness.”

Leeper said she hopes the committee will be done amassing and reviewing the policies this May. Next the committee will recommend changes to various departments and subsets of the university, bringing their attention to inconsistent or outdated policies.

Only the policy “owner,” or university subset with jurisdiction on

a certain universitywide policy, can change a policy.

“We in no way are empowered to change these policies,” Leeper said.

Owners will also be responsible for ensuring their policies are consistently practiced universitywide. Leeper said the database may be up and running by the end of the summer.

Possibly the most recently altered universitywide policy is the Statement on Public Health. The former policy, drafted in the ‘80s, only addressed HIV/AIDS concerns. The new policy confronts the spread of all disease and promotes wellness by requiring students to submit health forms, while Health Services person-

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Alex Song/Lariat Staff

The Waco Methodist Children's Home may house 20 to 25 women and children evacuated from Warren Jeffs' compound in Eldorado.

Waco Home prepared to house evacuees

Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

The Waco Methodist Children's Home is prepared to house 20 to 25 children and women from the Eldorado compound of polygamist leader Warren Jeffs.

Authorities are citing the raid as the largest child welfare operation in state history. Texas Child Protection Services official Marleigh Meisner reported to media outlets in a press conference Monday that the siege had been the worst that she had seen in the state of Texas.

State and local government officials have taken more than 200 children out of Jeff's Yearning for Zion Ranch since Thursday. Officials were alerted into action by a sixteen-year-old at the compound who had called, alleging that she had been abused and that forced marriages were occurring between fifteen year olds and older men at the compound. State officials are now conducting a search on the premises, after having detained a group of men in the compound. The women and children are now in government custody and may be taken to shelters and homes statewide.

The Methodist Children's Home serves close to 800 children on a daily basis. Close to 140 children are served through residential programs on the Waco campus, which includes housing and care under a caseworker and other trained staff. Certified counselors are also available for children, some of whom may be coming from families involved in divorce or impoverished circumstances.

Bryan Mize, public relations director at the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, said that an e-mail was sent Thursday by Texas Child Protection Services to several child care agencies statewide to enlist help for housing the women and children. To date, the Home has not received confirmation from Child Protection Services for the use of their services for the situation at Eldorado.

“There have been conversations back and forth since Thursday,” Mize said. “We're not sure we will be notified. Our stance on the situation is that we will be able to provide a safe environment if called upon to do so.”

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Living in America

Three students talk about what it's like being foreign exchange students at Baylor

By Alex Abdallah
Reporter

“I thought I was going to see more cowboys and deserts,” said exchange student Ygor Rajao about coming to Texas for the first time. Rajao, a senior from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, is just one of many exchange students that didn't know exactly what to expect when coming to Baylor to study.

While exchange students come from all over the globe from Korea to Brazil, many share common feelings about their semester at Baylor.

“Studying abroad's not that easy but I think it's a very valuable experience for my life,” said Ashley Jiwon Shim, a senior exchange student from Yonsei University in Seoul.

As a way to help exchange students get used to Baylor life, Shim said there was an orientation for them at the beginning of the semester. About 20 students attended and learned everything pertaining to Baylor, from paying tuition to dealing with culture shock.

“It was very helpful for me to settle down,” Shim said.

Rajao said that at orientation, he met friends from France, Russia, Brazil, Finland and Australia.

Shim said that at first, making friends was not that easy. Most of her friends are also exchange students at Baylor for the semester.

“All the Americans were still on their break so we didn't meet very many American people,” said Sakari Ylonen, a junior from Helsinki, Finland, who attends Jönköping International Business School in Sweden.

Shim, Ylonen and Rajao all share the desire to meet more Americans during their time in the United States.

Ylonen said that he met Americans later, but not as many as he expected,

because in class there are not many group assignments that allow students to talk with each other.

Rajao said that he usually hangs out with his friends at nightclubs in Brazil, and now he just invites people over to parties at his apartment.

Shim said she experienced some difficulties making American friends, and she is not accustomed to being a minority.

“The first problem is language. The second problem is my race. Sometimes I feel isolated,” she said.

Shim said she has also noticed differences in the American social scene.

“The only way to make American friends is to go to parties,” she said. “The friends that I made in parties are not forever.”

Shim experienced some culture shock when she first got here, and noticed that the styles of friendship are different in Korea.

In Korea, people typically speak to each other only if they are already friends, but students in the U.S. are more likely to strike up conversations with strangers.

“When I go into the classroom, everyone just says hello to each other even if they didn't know each other before,” she said.

In Korea, Shim feels that once a friendship is formed, it is lasting.

“Making relationships is more difficult at first, but it goes on for a long time,” Shim said.

Shim also said that she did not want Korean friends while at Baylor and chose to live on-campus so that she could meet more people.

“The reason why I am here is to make American friends and to see different cultures,” she said.

Ylonen noticed this difference as well, and said that it may take longer for people to form friendships in Finland or Sweden.

“People are a little more open, for



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Sakaro Ylonen, Ashley Jiwon Shim and Ygor Rajao are foreign exchange students at Baylor who come from Finland, Korea and Brazil respectively. Although the students said they were unsure what to expect, they enjoy Baylor and learning American culture.

example, if you ride a bus. People you don't know will start talking to you, and that doesn't really happen in Finland,” Ylonen said.

Ylonen also lives in on-campus housing with one American roommate. He said that when he applied to Baylor, he could choose to live on- or off-campus and request an American roommate.

“They recommend on-campus because there is a certain place for exchange students,” Ylonen said.

Although Rajao lives off-campus, he shares Shim's desire to fully experience American life.

“Sometimes I'd like to stay here for six months more. There is not enough time to know the culture,” he said.

All three exchange students had already taken English classes for numerous years, but both Shim and Rajao said the classes were more focused on grammar.

“We have a lot of contact with the English language here mainly because of TV and movies,” Rajao said.

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Joe, Tom, Cindy and Katie Fry with their dog in North Village's Heritage House where they reside. Cindy is an assistant dean for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, faculty in residence and all around good influence for her students and peers.

Mother, mentor, professor lives her mission

By LeeAnn Marcel
Reporter

Graduate student Brandy Brewster choked back tears as she tapped on the office door. There was no hope for her. School just seemed to weigh her down. However her confidant wasn't a friend or even her mother, but Cindy Fry, assistant dean for the School of Engineering and Computer Science and faculty in residence.

“She is just always smiling and so happy. She always makes me feel better and talks me through things,” Brewster said.

At the end of the day, Fry doesn't go to an off-campus home like many teachers do. Fry lives in Heritage House in North Village with her husband, Joe, and her two children Tom, 18, and Katie, 17, and their cat and one-

eyed dog.

Fry is also a senior lecturer in computer science and heavily involved with the study abroad programs.

“Engineering and computer science kids don't have any time to take time off because they pile on the hours, so often times they wouldn't go abroad,” Fry said.

Inspired to alleviate the problem, she created specific curriculum for the Baylor in Maastricht program.

She also is the director of the Baylor 15, Immersion Into International Interdisciplinary Innovation in Shanghai, China. Students travel to China to learn more about team-building in a project management workshop hosted on a river cruise on the Yangtze.

Fry took part in a trip to Iraq in 2003 to Dohuk University in

the Kurdish sector to teach continuing education seminars for the school's faculty. Because of the strict reign of Sadaam Hussein, this was the first time in 14 years that outside faculty were permitted to go into the country. Fry was thousands of miles from her family and in a strange new country.

“If only I could have dragged my husband along,” Fry said.

At night she would lie down in bed, turn off the lights and simply begin to pray with Rene Masengale, assistant professor of biology and Fry's roommate on the Iraq trip.

“Her Christian faith touches everything she does,” Masengale said.

Before her career at Baylor, Fry was employed at NASA as a program engineer on the Hubble

Space Telescope and the Space Station.

She also was a crew trainer for Spacelab, precursors to the space shuttle, and the science operations director for the Tethered-Satellite System, a joint NASA-Italian Space Agency.

Working with the space crew wasn't always easy.

“I got to do things no one else got to do, but people in space don't get time off,” Fry said.

Many times her husband would stay at home and help with the kids while Fry worked in Italy.

“Three-fourths of the time was away from my family. Yet still Joe stayed married to me,” Fry said.

Her daughter, Katie, recalled a time when she drew a family

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International expansion bad idea for NBA's dignity

The NBA has expansion plans to move into Europe within a decade.

Whereas interim NBA commissioner David Stern is concerned about the availability of NBA-sized arenas and corporate suites, I'm concerned that Euro-styled sponsorships may ruin the purity of the game.

Unlike NCAA March Madness, we hold the NBA in such high esteem that we might consider watching when its season begins sometime in May or perhaps June.

If the NBA invades Europe, the crass commercialism that dominates their football (which Americans refer to as boring

unless Beckham and his wife Posh Spice are present) may prevail.

It is undecided if E-NBA jerseys will be emblazoned with sponsoring brands.

While NBA sponsors generally fit in terms of image and prestige, Europeans are a bit more creative.

FC Teutschenthal carried on its chest the slogan "X-Carree: Always Worth a Visit" for its brothel sponsor.

Other quality sponsorship ideas come from the Hull Kingston Rovers (Rhodar Asbestos Abatement) and Leeds (sponsored by Leeds Waste Management, "the BIG yellow skip

sports humor

BY KIRK WAKEFIELD



people"). We don't know what that means, but we're pretty sure it's not pleasant.

We also wonder if E-NBA teams will refer to uniforms as "kits" as do the British.

When I think of kits, I think of lunch kit, first-aid kit, travel kit, press kit, drum kit, Kit Kat, or a Kit fox (which mate from

December to February, in case you were wondering).

I just can't picture Kobe Bryant promoting kits. In fact, if you keep saying kit over and over again, it fails to even be a word. So, I'm against referring to uniforms as kits.

One of the chief reasons we fought the War of 1812 was so we wouldn't have to use words like criekey, mate, rubbish, fortnight (two weeks), blimey (short for the oath God blind me), Bob's your uncle (what you say to add emphasis at the end of a sentence), wanker (jerk), quid (large sea-going mammal), crusty dragon (a crispy booger) or bollocks (you don't want to

know).

I think we can include kits (uniforms) in this list worth fighting for (against).

But now that we think about it, we would like to see more creative sponsorships in the U.S.

For instance, instead of having so-called friends hit us up to buy Girl Scout cookies, purchase extremely sharp and expensive Cutco knives, or become a Jehovah's Witness or Mormon, why don't these organizations sponsor a pro team?

They could promote on a national level and set up booths at the game to convert customers to their products or religion.

We might see messages such

as "JW: Now letting in more than 144,000."

Or, "Cutco: Don't cut your wrists with that dull knife, we'll stop our presentation!"

On a more serious note, we hope the E-NBA concludes reported negotiations with the Nigerian Widows Association. The sticking point seems to be with the slogan length: "In strictest confidence, please give me your bank account number and other vital personal information."

We think it can fit on the kit.

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

Editorial

Youth justice system needs reform

As the number of adults incarcerated in the United States has surged to more than 2 million in the past several years, another sad story has been unfolding in the juvenile justice system. Friday, CNN reported a host of gruesome offenses at the juvenile level. Accusations of mental, physical and sexual abuse are what one expects from the offender, not those sworn to uphold the law.

In institutions as far south as Puerto Rico and as far north as New Jersey, the U.S. Justice Department has sued nine states and two territories for allegations of abuse and neglect, CNN reported.

When juveniles are brought in for minor-status offenses, they should not be treated as though they committed murder or another serious crime. A 16-year-old in Mississippi had her hands and feet chained at all times, including while recreating, eating and using the bathroom. Her crime? Running away from home. Such a disproportionate response further isolates the youth, rather than establishing a reasonable sense of justice.

Youths who are imprisoned, no matter what the cause, already face incredible odds. The stigma of being labeled a "delinquent," the social learning of crime through increased contact with other juvenile offenders, and the strain of incarceration create a cocktail of delinquency and dramatically increase the chance that an adolescent will become a repeat offender.

The idea of "showing criminals a tough time" may sound politically correct, but when the criminals are impressionable children, what we



are really teaching them is that violence is the answer. Although few people would condone the physical and sexual offenses of juvenile institutions, many members of society do subscribe to the idea that the answer to our growing prison population is a harsher method of punishment.

The juvenile justice system serves a distinct purpose from the adult justice system. While both are intended to correct behavior and encourage social norms, the juvenile system has a strong emphasis on restorative justice. This brand of justice focuses on

restoring normal patterns of behavior through offender-victim reconciliation and community support rather than punishing the offender in isolation, which further disenfranchises youths.

Even though society is hesitant to encourage increased spending on criminal rehabilitation, money is already flowing into the prison system at an alarming rate.

In February, the Pew Center on the States revealed the U.S. spent more than \$49 billion on corrections in 2007. Twenty years ago, the Pew

reported a budget of only \$11 billion for the prison industry. And yet, the correlation to lower crime rates and imprisonment levels is nonexistent at best and inverse at worst.

It seems the more money we spend on building and securing prisons, the more prisoners there are to fill them. Instead of pouring money into concrete walls and iron bars, we should concentrate our monetary efforts to better train and equip prison workers, as well as provide funding for community programs to help offenders re-enter society with dignity and support.

Letters to the editor

Prayer "tempered" graduation

I was saddened to read the April 4 article in *The Baylor Lariat* entitled "University Ministries to become Spiritual Life." As I said many times in my speeches to the Student Senate, allowing non-baptist chartered organizations to meet on campus was a first step, and this is the second step.

People told me repeatedly that this was just one thing, and that Baylor was committed to maintaining its Baptist heritage. This is a slippery slope, but we are not just sliding down, but we are running down as quickly as we can. What we were once proud of now seems to be the label we can't run away from quickly enough.

I want to send my children here as well as my grandchildren. I want the money my forefathers worked hard to amass and grow to continue to support this great institution, but only if it remains such. I pray that God will help Baylor to stay the course, a course it has been on since its foundation in 1845.

Skyler Herring
History, 2009

Olympic boycott misguided

Re: The April 3 editorial, "U.S. should boycott Olympics."

In December of 1979, the USSR mobilized into Afghanistan. In March of 1980, there was immense pressure on the United States Olympic Committee not to send US athletes to the

Games. The US boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games and seven years passed before the USSR pulled out of Afghanistan.

All we did was remove the USSR and the Eastern Bloc from competing four years later in their own reactionary boycott, not a ban.

And we coerced our athletes to stay home by then President Jimmy Carter's decision to revoke passports of all athletes who would attempt to go to the Olympics.

The 1980 Olympic boycott also introduced a court battle of 28 athletes. These plaintiffs felt that their right to compete, as stated in the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, had been violated.

The courts threw out the case twice, but still the lead plain-

tiff, Anita DeFrantz, said that she would do it all over again because she was right.

The United States Olympic Committee was bullied by Carter with threats of withholding funding and removing United States Olympic Committee's tax exempt status.

Do not force a similar decision made today much like one 28 years ago and end up hurting another generation of athletes.

Sure, boycott the opening ceremonies, but do not boycott the Olympics.

Justin Brown
Applied Mathematics, 2008

Baylor losing Baptist identity

I wish that I could say that I was shocked by *The Baylor Lariat's* April 4 lead article entitled, "University Ministries to become Spiritual Life," but increasingly I have come to the realization that Baylor is moving rapidly away from its roots.

As a student senator last year, I made frequent mention in meetings about what I saw as the mounting secularization and pluralization of Baylor's unique Baptist identity.

While in sound bites our administration still barely clings to the fact that Baylor is a Baptist institution, it's blatantly obvious the direction the current administration plans on taking the university.

The most obvious metaphor for this change comes from the dissolution of the Bobo Baptist Student Center in favor of a

more politically correct Spiritual Life Center.

Our university should be proud to stand out as a Baptist institution that embraces its history while still encouraging Christian fellowship among the denominations. Instead we're running away from our identity and embracing terminology straight out of Oprah.

I would urge students now to think about the future and where Baylor is heading. If in 2008 the university is caving to pressure to change its Baptist identity, how much easier will it be to transform into the next Wake Forest?

We should be careful what we wish for.

Vincent R. Harris
Religion, 2010

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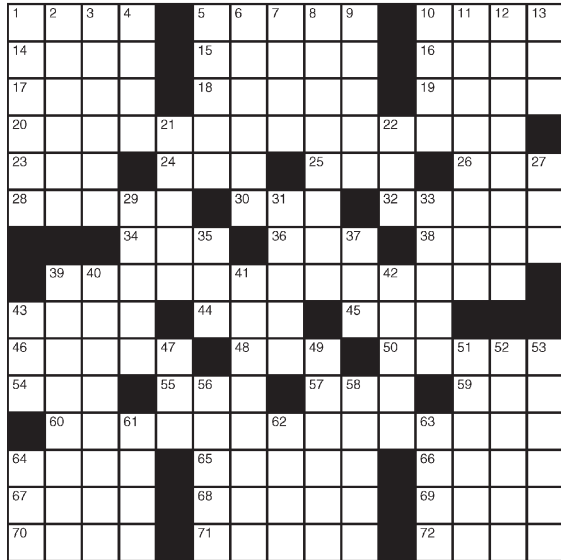
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By Diane C. Baldwin
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Gallery holds open house for political memorabilia

By Lynn Ngo
Reporter

After more than 200 years of presidential elections in America, there have been millions of campaign buttons, posters and other memorabilia. One man has collected thousands of these and donated many of them to the W.R. Poage Legislative Library Exhibit Gallery.

The library will be holding a spring open house with the “Race for the White House” exhibit from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. today with Dr. Robert Platt, a contributor of political memorabilia to the gallery since 2004.

Platt is a retired sociology professor whose collection of political memorabilia began when he received an “Al Landon for President” button from his grandfather in the ’30s, said Ben Rogers, director of W.R. Poage Legislative Library Exhibit Gallery.

Though Platt’s interest in collecting political memorabilia started at an early age, work and family obligations took precedent. Platt did not start collecting seriously until after he

retired, Rogers said.

His first donation to the library included the Penn Jones Paper.

Penn Jones was a journalist who was convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the only gunman involved in the Kennedy assassination in Dallas, Rogers said.

After Kennedy’s assassination, Jones spent the next 30 years collecting information to prove his case.

Platt, who was a friend of Jones, received the papers after Jones’ death.

Platt has contributed thousands of items to the library since 2004.

“There were 700 to 800 pieces from October of last year,” said graduate assistant Matthew Parker, who is responsible for cataloging inventory.

Most of Platt’s donations are from the ’50s and ’60s, he said.

Platt’s most recent donations included 12 boxes of books, campaign posters and framed posters. He has also donated a few paper records that will be given away tomorrow, Rogers said.

“Platt has donated lots of books relating to politics, and memorabilia related to political campaigns,” Rogers said.

Platt owns and operates a business in Fort Worth dedicated to collecting political memorabilia.

“He’ll be 80 this year, but he has decided to go for two more years at least with the store,” Rogers said.

This will be Platt’s second visit to Baylor. This time, he will be attending with his wife, two sons and grandson.

“We invite everyone to come,” Rogers said. “We want to try to make people aware that we have a political library, which makes us unique to Texas.”

Athens, Texas sophomore Michael Holdridge has worked in the gallery designing graphics, posters and brochures for more than two years.

“You can learn a lot here, and it’s also cool to see the memorabilia,” he said. “I’ve learned a lot about our political history that I didn’t know.”

The gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

Bend it in Bear Park

El Paso freshman Frank Marquez plays soccer Monday in Bear Park.

BEAR BRIEFS

Baylor Activities Council will hold Dollar T-shirt Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Bill Daniel Student Center. T-shirts from different student organizations will be on sale for \$1. For more information, contact Yue_Sun@baylor.edu.

Delta Sigma Pi will hold Time Out with Art Briles at 6 p.m. today in Cashion Academic Center, Room 101. There will be a question and answer session with the new head coach, Art Briles. For more information, contact David_Johnson2@baylor.edu.

Alpha Phi Omega will hold its Spring Blood Drive this week outside the Bobo Baptist Student Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fountain Mall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in the Penland lobby from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt.

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Negative coverage prominent in media, journalism panel says

By Charly Edsitty
Reporter

Barack Obama’s pastor, Hilary Clinton’s lack of femininity and John McCain’s old age: the mudslinging is fully underway in the current presidential primaries.

The department of journalism has been conducting an ongoing study to assess the negativity in this year’s presidential primaries and is sponsoring a panel discussion to report the findings.

The discussion, called “Not Ready to Play Nice: An Analysis of Negativity in the 2007-2008

Presidential Primaries,” will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Baines Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Two faculty members and three students will discuss the various types of negative media facing the current presidential hopefuls.

Dr. Mia Moody, journalism lecturer and one of the presenting faculty members, said the panel will serve two purposes: to inform Baylor community members so they can make an informed decision when voting and to highlight the research going on in the department.

“People need to be aware

of the negativity so that when they get ready to vote they can make a good decision and not base it on the negativity they’ve heard, but on the positive attributes that the candidates have,” Moody said.

Moody will be discussing traditional media, such as newspapers, broadcast news and magazines versus new media, such as blogs and personal Web sites.

“Traditional media has to focus on negativity because it has to compete,” Moody said. “They don’t want to be scooped by the new media.”

Dr. Joseph Brown, an associate professor of political science,

will provide a political science perspective and focus discussion on how gender and race play out in the media concerning senators Clinton and Obama.

“I will make some projections about the general election,” Brown said. “And I will talk about the kinds of media issues that the democratic nominees may have to face in the general election.”

In addition, Brown will also discuss where Clinton and Obama stand in regards to their delegate and super-delegate count.

Brown explained that negativity in campaigns is used strategically

in order to distract both the public and the candidate.

“If a candidate is forced to address negative issues, rather than the issues they want to address, that gives the opponent an edge,” Brown said.

Megan Malouf, a Conroe senior and a journalism major, is one of the students presenting during the panel and is responsible for coordinating the event.

Malouf has been researching various news releases made by Obama, Clinton and Rudy Giuliani between the months of September and October.

Malouf will report her findings along with the results of the

study at the discussion.

“There was a lot of negativity,” Malouf said. “It was shocking to see that was how they wanted to get people to vote for them.”

Malouf said the research experience provided an opportunity for her to think in more depth about political tactics used in presidential campaigning.

“Negativity is what society thrives on,” Malouf said. “And I think political candidates play that up.”

A question and answer session will conclude the panel discussion and a reception will follow.



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portrait when she was young. Her brother and father were depicted happily together. Meanwhile, her mother was in a window working at her job.

"That was the end. I couldn't do it anymore," Fry said.

The family was ready to be together, "so Baylor looked good," she said.

Eventually the entire family moved into North Village's Heritage House.

"It wasn't hard. We just didn't know what to expect," Joe said.

Despite the unusual transition, Fry saw the good in it.

"It was the most rewarding opportunity at Baylor, because students get to know you more than just a teacher," she said.

"Cindy is a good example of the idea that women can work full-time and balance family as well. She demonstrates everyday you can be a great mother and mentor students," Masengale said.

The family makes the most of their on-campus home.

"We love doing things on campus like going to the theater and music concerts. We don't have to drive anywhere," Cindy said.

The family can be seen riding their bikes together to the H.E.B. for groceries.

The kids said they love to take advantage of the McClane Student Life Center and study for their dual-credit classes in the library. Both Tom and Katie love being able to see college students

on campus.

"But we miss our backyard," Tom said, as Katie nodded in agreement.

Despite missing out on several luxuries of off-campus living, the Fry's keep their purpose in mind.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything," Joe said. "It's not a third world country, but it is our mission".

Many times the Fry family will invite students and friends into their home, where Joe practices one of his personal hobbies: cooking.

"Joe Fry is an awesome cook. Whether its breakfast, lunch, or dinner, you don't want to pass up mealtime with the Fry family," director of North Village Trey Guinn said.

Even just seeing the family interact with one another is a great example, Guinn said.

"Their love for one another and their community around them is an excellent model for us all, which is why their living in residence is so deeply connected to the Baylor mission and vision," he said.

Fry can often be found in the hallways joking with students and faculty.

"I don't know of anyone who doesn't like her," said Adam Ecklund, engineering and computer science student success specialist.

Leigh Ann Marshall, engineering and computer science advancement coordinator agreed with Ecklund.

"She is an energetic and positive force within the School of Engineering and Computer Science," she said.

Because of Fry's travels, she helps accommodate international students.

To students unfamiliar with America's culture, holidays like Martin Luther King Day and Thanksgiving seem random, Fry said, so the Fry's open up their home to students who have no place to go when campus shuts down.

Fry is also highly involved with Harris Creek Baptist Church. She helps by teaching college Bible studies.

She is known for inviting all of her students to join her on Sunday mornings. Brewster was one of the students that took her up on the offer.

During Brewster's freshman year, Fry invited her to Harris Creek. Fry has been her mentor ever since. Brewster gives Fry credit for spurring her on in her spiritual life as well as encouraging her to go into the graduate program.

"She turned my whole view of learning around," Brewster said.

Fry works hard at her job but doesn't allow it to dominate her personal life. She instead sees her job as furthering her mission in life.

"She does so much. She isn't someone who just goes to work every day. She works and serves God with everything she does," Ecklund said, "We are blessed to have her and her talents."

POLICY from page 1

nel must attend conferences on maintaining a healthy campus.

"Instead of dealing with a specific policy or disease, in our current world we need a policy that is broader and has the ability to speak to many illnesses," said Martha Lou Scott, associate vice president for Student Life. Scott, a member of the policy committee, directs the Health Center and proposed a swift update of the policy, not only for the benefit of students, but for accreditation with the American Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

Scott said the committee was successful in reforming the health policy, and this policy serves as an example for how other policies should stand.

"There won't be overlap. There will be one policy that speaks, in this case, to public health," Scott said.

Leeper said the perceived need to streamline policies has

HOME from page 1

Mize said that following the initial communication with Children Protection Services, the administration at the Home met and began to spearhead efforts to prepare in the event that the home was called upon to receive people.

A meeting was held on Saturday to assess the situation and plan for space and materials.

"We have since prepared beds, welcome kits and materials for hygiene in the case that our services are needed," Mize said.

"Most likely (Children Protection Services) would send staff to help facilitate the transition. Our first goal would be to make them feel comfortable, maintain communication and make sure that their needs are met."

Mize said that this will most likely result in cases of children dealing with a significant amount of trauma, and that outside resources would be brought in if their emotional needs could not be met by the Home.

EXCHANGE from page 1

Shim has had some trouble with English, predominantly in her Investment Analysis class.

"I can understand his words but I can't understand what he is meaning," she said.

But in order to keep her visa, she cannot drop a class.

"The only thing I can do is just do my best," she said.

However, she said she is doing well in her other classes.

"The other professors help me a lot and really care about international students and speak slowly," she said.

Ylonen has previously taken Swedish, English and German. He said his college in Sweden is a

private school with an emphasis in internationalization. Therefore, every class is taught in English.

"It's easier here because I listen to the American accent," Ylonen said. "Because when you watch TV in Finland, it's full of American movies and you learn the accent there."

As a music major, Rajao said he feels comfortable in all of his music classes.

"I have a good background for all of them except English class," he said.

Of course, the students said they miss some elements from home.

"I cannot survive without rice," Shim said.

The things that Shim is home-

sick for have evolved during her time at Baylor though.

"I missed the people – my friends, my family, especially at the beginning when campus was quiet," Shim said. "Now I miss the food."

Nevertheless, all three said they are pleased with their experience at Baylor. Even though they might wish to meet a few more Americans, the students praise the ones they have met already.

"The program is very good, the people are kind," Shim said.

Ylonen said one of his favorite things about the United States is the culture.

"The people are friendly; I think that is part of the culture," Ylonen said.

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Quarterback Robert Griffin throws the ball to the wide receiver during the spring practice game Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

Football changes defensive scheme

By Joe Holloway
Reporter

With all the controversy surrounding the quarterback position this spring, it could be easy to forget that there are still two sides the ball, offense and defense.

Baylor players and coaches need no reminding.

Last year, the Bears gave up an average of 279.2 passing yards per game. In the Big 12, only Oklahoma State University gave up more yards through the air.

It was a similar story on the ground, as Baylor gave up an average 182.3 rushing yards per game, narrowly edging out the University of Nebraska for 11th in the conference.

Changes needed happen this spring for the Bears to have a chance of winning even a few conference games come football season.

And after the Bears concluded their spring practice Saturday with a 111-play scrimmage, it was apparent that changes had been made.

Most obvious was the switch to a 4-3 defensive scheme. With four down linemen, three linebackers and four defensive backs, the 4-3 is designed to be balanced in stopping both the pass and the run.

It also tends to favor smaller, faster players, which head coach Art Briles said fits well with the team.

"You're going to want speed on defense," he said after the scrimmage. "We're going to have some guys on the field that

make the field look small."

But after using an extra deep man in the 4-2-5 offense under former head coach Guy Morriss, will the added speed be enough to make up for the loss of the fifth man in the secondary?

Again, Briles thinks so. "We've got some guys that are playing with a high tempo and a fast motor and that's what they've got to do," he said. "That's what our key is."

However, after giving up 27 points to the offense Saturday, the defense is up for review.

The secondary in particular was beat for several long plays, including a 27-yard touchdown pass from junior Blake Szymanski to senior inside receiver Joe Bennett.

Sophomore running back Jay Finley also had a big day against the defense, rushing for 73 yards on eight carries. Junior linebacker Tyler King cited the rushing defense as an area needing improvement.

"They ran more than they had been earlier this spring," he said. "We had a little trouble in the first half stopping them, but it was great competition all day."

The bright spot of the defense came when the pass rush, which Briles praised, forced senior transfer Kirby Freeman to make a risky throw downfield that was picked off by senior safety Jake La Mar and returned for 12 yards.

Despite this, it remains to be seen whether speed can overcome the problems that come with an inexperienced secondary.

Offense strives for unity

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

If Robert Griffin has his way, 2008 could be the year of the freshman for the Baylor quarterback position.

Griffin, Baylor's four-star freshman quarterback who enrolled at Baylor in January, dazzled onlookers Saturday in Baylor's 111-play Green and Gold Scrimmage with a brief display of the raw athleticism he was praised for in high school. He was 5-9 in the air and threw for 66 yards while rushing for 30, including a 17-yard touchdown scamper in the second half.

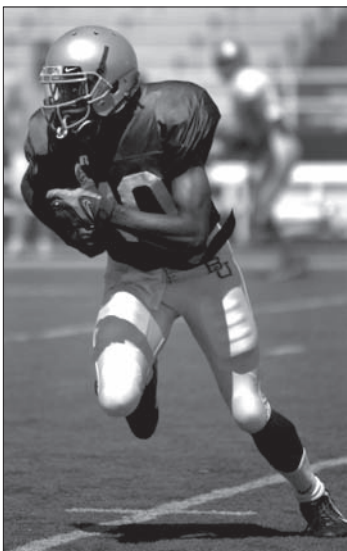
Saturday's practice concluded spring drills for Baylor, banishing the players to summer training regimens before practice begins again in earnest on Aug. 3. Until then, head coach Art Briles said that the team is right where it should be in its understanding of the new offense.

"I thought we played with pretty good pace and tempo. That's something that we're going to be try to be known as, is a tempo-tough football team," said Briles, who was introduced as Baylor's 25th head coach on Nov. 28. "And I thought we flew around a bit. From the standpoint of what we're looking for, we're there."

Quarterbacks Kirby Freeman, Blake Szymanski, Ryan Roberts and Tyler Beatty cycled in with Griffin Saturday.

Freeman started the game, completing seven of his 13 passes with an interception and no touchdowns, while Szymanski posted comparable numbers, including the day's only touchdown pass.

So while the Baylor quarterback puzzle may be far from solved, Briles said that the left guard and cornerback situation



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Quarterback Robert Griffin rushes with the ball in the spring practice game. He threw for 66 yards while rushing for 30 yards Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium.

worry him more.

"We've got some guys up here that can do it for us," Briles said of the unresolved quarterback situation. "So that's an issue that will take care of itself, so I'm not concerned with it."

Griffin said that despite not being completely satisfied with Saturday's showing, he's been picking things up faster over the past week, and that Saturday's game was an opportunity for that to come out.

"It's definitely a big change," said Griffin, who led the offense to two touchdown drives Saturday. "The classes aren't that hard, but in your mind you kind of realize 'I could be in high school right now.' But you're out here with these college kids and you're having fun, so it's crazy."

After the game, Briles praised Griffin's sponge-like ability to absorb information, break down the playbook and figure out all 11 assignments on the field.

"He's a guy you've got to watch," Briles said. "If you don't watch him, the next time you know you're looking for him because he's gone. He's a dynamic player."

The success – and methodical repetition – of the running attack was perhaps the day's biggest surprise. Leading returning rusher Jay Finley ran eight times for 73 yards and two touchdowns. Between the four running backs Saturday, Baylor ran for 178 yards on 38 carries, good for a 4.6 average. The team averaged 3.1 yards per carry last year.

"We're going to be a tough football team, because that's something we control," Briles said. "Those guys are going to fight for yards and the offensive line is going to fight to help them. That's not going to be a question-mark, it's going to be a given."

But as with any premier running game, a successful and healthy offensive line is key. And Briles said the line is a few pieces away from being a complete unit.

While returning offensive linemen Dan Gay, Jason Smith and J.D. Walton have locked down starting slots, the other two are largely up for grabs.

"Right now we've got three guys we believe in a whole lot, we need to find two others that will jump in there with them," Briles said.

Overall, the team was uniformly pleased with the offensive pace of the game, the up-tempo style the new offense is cultivating and, perhaps above all, an injury-free afternoon.

"I thought we didn't bust many assignments," Briles said. "We're healthy, we had a good crowd – I appreciate the crowd being out here, it's a beautiful day. It's just a good day to be a Baylor Bear. No doubt."

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The Baylor baseball team (19-11, 6-6) swept the University of Kansas Jayhawks last weekend, outscoring Kansas 4-3 Friday, 12-6 Saturday and 17-1 in a run-rule game Sunday. The Bears welcome Texas Christian University to Baylor Ballpark at 6:30 p.m. today.

The Lady Bears' softball team (19-13, 2-6) split a weekend series with the University of Kansas Jayhawks, dropping game one, 6-1 and taking game two, 8-1. The victory moves the Lady Bears into seventh place in the conference standings. Baylor will face Stephen F. Austin University 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at Gettman Stadium.

The No. 15 men's tennis team (15-7, 1-0) returns home tomorrow for a midweek match against rival University of Texas.

Baylor track won its fifth title for the women's sprint medley Friday at the Texas Relays in Austin. On the men's side, the NCAA champion 4x400-meter relay clocked a 3:02.08 time, the best of any college relay squad this year. The Bears also clocked a top time of 1:22.02 in the 4x200 men's relay.

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The most memorable performance in this one came from freshman Derrick Rose of Memphis, who completely took over the game in the second half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 points during one stretch to lift the Tigers to a 60-51 lead.



The inventor of the game, James Naismith, was the first Jayhawks coach. It's the school that made household names of Wilt Chamberlain, Manning —

This game was not about coaches or sidestories, though. It was about the game, and what a dandy it was — a well-needed reprieve from a more-or-less blah tournament in which 42 of 63 games were decided by double digits.

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Baylor ShowTime performs ‘swinging’ Spring show

By Joe Holloway
Reporter

Singing in front of hundreds of people could be a nightmare for many people. Dancing in front of them would probably be equally, if not more, disconcerting. Doing both at the same time? That's a job for Baylor ShowTime.

SHOWREVIEW

Since 1980, this show choir and dance group has been performing for audiences across the United States, Central America and Europe with its revue-style programs. ShowTime held its annual Spring show Friday night in front of a packed theater in the Hooper-Schaffer Fine Arts Center. Sharp dancing and even sharper vocals were the order of the night and were well-received by an audience visibly appreciative of the hard work the group had put into preparing for the performance.



Courtesy photo

Members of Baylor ShowTime performed in their Spring show Friday night.

From the moment the ShowTimers took the stage alongside its accompanying musicians, there was an energy that many All-University Sing acts could've used. The performers quickly set the stage for the rest of the night, opening with "Anything Goes," by Cole Porter, a jazzy show tune from the stage musical of the same name. The song featured tap-inspired dancing from

all the performers not playing an instrument, and while there were a few instances where a foot or two may have been out of sync, such gaffes were understandable given the pace of the dancing. But there were very few missteps and they were hardly noticeable.

Randy Newman's "Short People" kept the upbeat feel of the show going and elicited chuck-

les from the audience. Then the show switched gears with the 1956 hit "Love Me Tender" by Elvis Presley, a slower number which saw the guys and girls of ShowTime divided to either side of the stage before coming together at the end. After the tribute to the King, ShowTime paid homage to the great American composer George Gershwin with 13 selections from a variety of different shows and films. While each song featured a different member as a soloist, the song that stood out the most was the final Gershwin tune, "Strike Up the Band," from the 1927 musical. Big cheers erupted from the audience at the song's close, no doubt due to the incorporation of drumsticks, which the performers used as props to dance with and to beat on the floor and against other performers' sticks in time with the music. Altogether, it made for some incredibly creative choreography.

The standout solo perfor-

mance of the evening came when Yorba Linda, Calif., junior Anthony Carillo, sang Tom Lehrer's "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park" with only a bench to keep him company on stage, while his fellow performers had a costume change. While the title gives a good indication of what the song is about, the somewhat shocking lyrics, sung to the happiest-sounding music, proved to be nothing short of hilarious. Carillo was able to keep a straight face throughout, singing phrases like "it's not against any religion to poison a pigeon" with precision, clarity and incredible range.

Dr. Leta Horan, director and associate professor of keyboard studies, took a heartfelt moment during the production to thank past ShowTime members, many of whom were in the audience, for hard work through the years. Horan, who will retire at the end of the semester, has been with ShowTime since its beginning. She said she desired to be engag-

ing rather than sappy and that the night truly belonged to the performers. With that, the show resumed as performers donned top-hats, canes and umbrellas to sing "Ascot Gavotte" in their most proper tones of voice, once again eliciting laughter from the audience. "Beethoven's Day," by Andrew Lipka, began the big finale with dancing and singing from all the performers, who appeared to simply be enjoying every minute of it.

"For Good" from the musical *Wicked* was included as the final performance. The lyrics, "because I knew you, I have been changed for good" seemed appropriate in light of Horan's retirement.

Overall, ShowTime put on an amazing show. Whether the performers were performing to an upbeat jazz number or crooning and swaying to a soft pop standard, each song was well done and the show made for a memorable evening full of swinging good times.

'Stop-Loss' encourages awareness, falls short with acting

By Belinda Colunga
Reporter

Five years into the Iraq War, *Stop-Loss* is just the movie that yells out "no more war." It clearly depicts what soldiers face in what seems to be an endless American reality of the war.

Directed by Kimberly Peirce

MOVIEREVIEW

(*Boys Don't Cry*), the movie has elements of suspense, action and sentimental value crammed

into it, but there were a few gaps that needed some further work.

The film begins with an intense battle scene where the lives of three soldiers are lost in a matter of seconds. Although many Americans don't like opening their eyes to this part of war, it was one of the most suspenseful scenes.

Once the war is thought to be over, Sgt. Brandon King (Ryan Phillippe) returns to his hometown in Texas along with his best friends, Steve (Channing Tatum) and Tommy (Joseph Gordon-

Levitt). They are received with a welcome-back parade and ready to begin life again, or so they think.

They soon are haunted by sudden flashbacks and hallucination. Suddenly, everyone seems to fall apart after King gets word that he's been stop-lossed and goes AWOL.

King completed his duty in Iraq, but through loopholes in his contract he was forcefully reenlisted and placed on "stop-loss," which means he's to be shipped back to Iraq. His only

option is to re-enlist and face the possibility of being another casualty of war or fleeing the country. He decides to leave the country on a one-way ticket to Canada under a new identity with no chance of seeing his family and friends again.

The film not only provided a great script of what truly happens, but also provided statistics of this cruel reality. According to the film, more than 80,000 soldiers have been placed on stop-loss.

Even though the film has a

great storyline, the acting talent of the cast was weak in some of the most dominant scenes.

The film is pulled down by these weak emotional scenes and questionable Texas accents. The actors did, however, carry out successful action scenes of guns and punches that were breathtaking.

Despite the poor acting, the movie still captures the effects and reality of war.

The movie is able to put you in the boots of soldiers and give insight to what soldiers go

through. It was a dose of reality and an eye-opener for those who have lost touch with the events of war.

Stop-Loss reminds the audience to keep up with war events and be informed, because stop-loss is the last resort before falling into a draft.

The movie captured the effects of war well, such as the emotional and social scars left on soldiers, but the ending wasn't anything special and lacked creativity.

Grade: B

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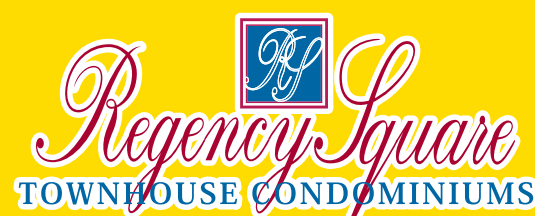


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