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Firm suggests \$250 fee for faculty, staff parking

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The Consulting Engineer's Group Inc., a third-party firm that conducted a parking survey at Baylor last semester, recommended faculty and staff pay an annual fee of \$250 to park on campus.

Deans, assistant vice presidents and members of the Executive Council would have to pay an additional surcharge of \$200 for their reserved parking slots.

Other recommendations include giving students more parking options, with plans ranging from \$18 per credit hour to \$225 for all-access parking.

In an effort to promote parking in the sparsely-filled parking lot 70, located east of campus at South 4th Street and Daughtrey Avenue, parking passes exclusively for this garage may be sold to students, faculty and staff only \$75 per year.

In comparison, faculty and staff at the University of Texas-Austin shell out as much as \$444 a year to park on campus, while faculty and staff at Texas A&M cough up as much as \$318 per year.

The consultant's suggested rates for Baylor parking have no immediate plans for implementation, Chris Krause, assistant vice president of Campus Services, said.

Campus Services released the findings of the survey Tuesday, making presentations to the faculty senate, staff council and

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Safety first

Unicyclist and Arlington sophomore Theo Bruton practices his skills outside Moody Library Wednesday.

Former Mexican cabinet member to talk immigration

By Belinda Colunga
Reporter

Dr. Juan Hernandez, author of *The New American Pioneers*, will speak at 6 p.m. Thursday in Kayser Auditorium on Mexican immigration. His lecture will be based on his notes, "Why are We Afraid of Mexican Immigrants?"

Hernandez, a member of former Mexican President Vicente Fox's cabinet, will be the final speaker for The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement's spring lecture

series on leadership in public life. Hernandez has previously served as a speaker in Chapel.

"Participants will gain another perspective on the issues of immigration; hopefully expand the dialog on immigration reform asking the question, 'Where should we as a nation be in creating reform on this issue?'"

said Ramona Curtis, director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement. "When I met Dr. Hernandez last year, I found him to be very passionate about communities working together

for the greater good. No matter where you stand on the issues of immigration, this lecture will prove to be engaging."

Hernandez has a lengthy history of involvement in the Hispanic community. From serving as the first United States-born member of the Mexican cabinet to founding the Organization for Hispanic Advancement in October 2003, Hernandez is a proponent of immigration reform.

"He's playing a key role nationally by facilitating an important discussion about immigration,

and he's certainly an expert on the topic," said Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement. "He has strong opinions about immigration reform that will spur on needed dialogue among students."

Although immigration reform has been a long-standing issue in Congress, a reasonable plan has yet to be formulated. Based on a survey poll on Hernandez's Web site and part of his message to Congress, 75 percent of potential voters are most likely to vote for a reform plan supporting a tempo-

rary guest worker plan, legal residency and citizenship granted to workers and punishment for employers who break the law.

Immigration is a prominent issue in debates due to the 2008 presidential elections. The public should be well informed and educated when expressing their opinions, Shushok said.

"I hope the audience will learn that issues relating to immigration are really about human beings and the choices we have

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Zimbabweans still up in arms over elections

Students from Zimbabwe react to upheaval in homeland

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

The race to the White House has consumed the thoughts of many Americans. But for a handful of Baylor students from Zimbabwe, their minds are occupied with a different election, one that is plagued with uncertainty and heated with calls for change.

"I've been checking the media nearly every hour for updates," Zimbabwean business graduate student Innocent Chikunya said.

Presidential elections were held March 29 in Zimbabwe between President Robert Mugabe, leader of the ruling political party, ZANU-PF, Zimbabwe African National Union - Patriotic Front, and Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the opposition party, MDC, Movement for Democratic Change.

The government has stalled the release of election results, leading many to believe what independent tallies have confirmed: a victory for oppositionist Tsvangirai.

rai. However, what's unknown is whether the MDC leader secured at least 50 percent of the vote, a number needed by law in order to avoid a run-off election.

"The fact that the government is withholding the results, gives me the impression that they've lost," Chikunya said. "They're probably trying to manipulate the results now so that it will force a run-off, and they get another shot. In that case, they will unleash the military and militias to intimidate people to vote for Mugabe. It's something they've always done."

'Someone is watching'

With violent crackdowns reported across the country this week, the stagnant election has already started to brew anxiety among the people of Zimbabwe.

According to ZimOnline, one of the few independent news agencies in Zimbabwe, a human rights group called the Zimbabwe Peace Project reported an incident where soldiers beat shoppers Wednesday night in the city of Gweru, claiming they didn't "vote correctly."

Bajabulile Lunsford, a Zimbabwean student earning a master's degree in social work and



Associated Press

A Zimbabwean woman with her child on her back flees across the border into South Africa at Beitbridge Border Post in Musina, South Africa, March 28. The "border-jumpers" make a dash across a narrow strip of tarmac, duck through some fencing, ripped away in some sections and disappear into the bushveld with its thick grass and low thorn trees.

a master's degree of divinity at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, remembers well when her uncle was beaten years ago during a violent intimidation stunt. She now worries for her outspoken sisters who live in Zimbabwe.

"They told me that police aren't letting more than three people congregate in the streets, because the government is wor-

ried of people plotting against them," Lunsford said. "Things are getting worse, and my sisters are afraid to say much right now because they're concerned for their safety. People get arrested for things they say even in cabs or buses, and there's always a feeling that someone is watching."

Collette Ncube, a senior from

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Battle with cancer helps man value beauty of life

By Sarah Rafique
Reporter

Cancer isn't a prejudiced disease that only affects a certain age group or gender. Anyone can get cancer, and it is not only detrimental to the health of the person suffering from the disease, but to their family and friends.

Jeff Walter, assistant director for Student Life facilities, knows this first-hand.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer a little over a year ago, but the will to overcome this adversity and his naturally positive attitude he inherited from his mother helped him get through his painful month of recovery.

Last year, Walter went to get his annual physical but left with some troubling news.

Every year up until then, his doctors had been noticing that the prostate-specific antigen number in his blood was increasing, which could be

a sign of cancer, an enlarged prostate or something else.

Last year his doctor detected cancer, and Walter underwent a biopsy, which removed a sample of tissue from his body to analyze and confirm that he did in fact have cancer.

He was lucky that his doctor detected the cancer early because with prostate cancer, a patient doesn't necessarily feel different than normal.

"It turned out that I did have cancer, so that was a shock to me because I didn't feel sick, and I thought with cancer you can kind of know," Walter said.

The first 20 seconds after Walter found out he had cancer, he was concerned.

"Well, you have cancer," Walter's doctor told him. "But

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Walter

Kansas win sparks dreams of Baylor greatness

Before the college basketball season started, I firmly believed that the University of Kansas had all the key ingredients to string together a national championship run. With a rare balance of quickness, agility, strength and experience, I impulsively jumped on the Jayhawk bandwagon.

Of course by the time March rolled around, I didn't have the audacity to pick the Jayhawks in my *Lariat* bracket, which resulted in my getting dismantled by a city editor who has little knowledge of college athletics. But enough of the personal vengeance. I digress.

As I sat cramped in my seat in the upper deck of the Alamo-dome over the weekend in the

midst of resounding fans donning Jayhawk blue, not only was I thoroughly impressed with the overall talent and athleticism of Bill Self's squad, but I was shocked at the realization of how close Baylor is to cutting down the nets. (Inserted pause for utter disbelief in and disagreement with the previous statement.)

Although I don't believe the Bears are on the level to open a game on a 38-10 rampage like the Jayhawks did Saturday against the No. 1 overall seed, the University of North Carolina (and also my pick to win the National Championship), the athleticism displayed by Kansas' guard was no more superior than that of the four guards returning to



sports take

BY JUSTIN BAER

Baylor next year.

The drop-off from the Jayhawks' starting backcourt of Russell Robinson and Mario Chalmers was hardly unnoticed when Sherron Collins took the floor, similar to the minuscule disparity between Curtis Jerrells, Henry Dugat, Tweety Carter and LaceDarius Dunn. Yes, I know that Jerrells and Dunn have completely different playing styles, but both are

extremely talented.

The only variable between the two teams, and the variable that I believe prevented the Bears from moving on in the short-lived tournament run is the lack of a dominating big man. (Way to state the obvious, I know.)

Of course, that dominating post presence for Kansas comes in the form of Darrell Arthur. Arthur, a high school teammate of Baylor forward Kevin Rogers at the basketball powerhouse South Oak Cliff, moved swiftly down the court with an athletic Memphis Tiger team, but still had a strong presence in the interior finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

For those who don't know the

tragic story of Arthur or "Slim Shady," the 6-foot-9 specimen had narrowed his college choices to Kansas and Baylor. Arthur chose to continue his basketball career in Lawrence, Kans., after having a dream one night that he won a national championship with the Jayhawks. Arthur's prophesy was fulfilled Sunday night in front of 43,000 in San Antonio, leaving me only to wonder what life would have been like with Arthur sporting green and gold.

But I can only dream of what could have been. Instead I must look ahead at the strong prospectus of next season. With a heralded recruit like Anthony Jones, a 6-foot-9 Houston native who has displayed

Arthur-like athleticism while playing for Houston Yates joining the Bears next season, the frontcourt of Rogers, Josh Lomers and Mamadou Diene will be vastly improved. Hopefully, head coach Scott Drew can find a diamond in the rough in the late recruiting period to support the slim front line.

But if he can't and the frontcourt can't keep up with the dominant big men scattered around the Big 12, I guess I can only dream about the Bears winning a national championship. Who knows, maybe it will come true one day.

Justin Baer is a sophomore business journalism major from Waxahachie and a sports writer for The Baylor Lariat.

Editorial

Internship prices too steep

It's that time of year again. Countless numbers of college students wander the Internet aimlessly searching for jobs or internships to fill the experience void in the work section of their resumes. Now more than ever, competition is fierce in the less-than-stable American economy.

Even if you're one of the lucky few who score a prestigious internship with a Fortune 500 company, your work is far from over. Most internship sponsors, instead of paying their interns, require them to work for only university credit.

Unfortunately, the price of university credit is high — very high. For those whose majors offer an internship class, the cost is \$986 per credit hour. Internship classes are worth three hours, so that's \$2,958 to pay for an internship that's probably unpaid and for experience that you aren't gaining directly from the university itself. That's an expensive summer.

More problematic is the fact that Baylor often has very little to do with helping students find internships. Though Career Services offers workshops and has a Web site with some helpful links, if you're looking for a sure thing you should probably look elsewhere.

Though Career Services' Web site has plenty of links to internships and job searches as well as sample documents and salary data, many of their links are the same ones that can be found in a cursory Google search.

For example, the "Job links by major" section of their Web site lists only two sites for journalism or professional writing majors: UC Berkeley's



own job Web site (created for their students) and a site called Writer's Write. What about links to state press associations or major press organizations? They're nowhere to be found.

Career Service's Hire-a-Bear database online provides a mentor network and a search feature for contacting potential employers, some of whom are alumni. But for a comprehensive alumni directory, students are directed to the Baylor Alumni Directory. The mentor network is comprised of alumni who have volunteered to participate and so, by nature, is not as

thorough as the Alumni Directory.

While it is great that Career Services provides Hire-a-Bear and the alumni network to students, more steps need to be taken.

The next step for Career Services should be compiling a comprehensive directory of alumni, searchable by city and industry as well as name. At the moment, there is no way for Career Services to connect students with alumni who haven't already been connected with the mentor network.

In the meantime, seniors should take note of the situation and remem-

ber to give back by contacting Baylor once they have become settled in their careers.

Career Services does provide several job fairs during which students can meet alumni and potential employers, but these are only held once a semester. However, the fairs are not as helpful for students looking for internships, or for those who may be interested in a career or industry not represented.

While Career Services does have some resources, potential interns are still stuck paying \$2,958 for a volunteer position they found themselves.

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Correction

The April 9 article "Faculty pass motion to gain tenure information" incorrectly stated that Francis Beckwith, associate professor of philosophy, was denied tenure last year. Beckwith was denied tenure in 2006.

Letters to the editor

'Stop-Loss' portrayal falls short

I take issue with the review of the film *Stop-Loss* in the April 8 issue of *The Baylor Lariat* ("Stop-Loss encourages awareness, falls short with acting"). There are two main points I would like to address. First is the apparent acceptance of Hollywood's statistical information with regard to the military stop-loss program. Second is the apparent acceptance and sympathy the reviewer displayed toward Hollywood's depiction of how the program works.

As a former captain in the Army, I have been on the short end of the stick a couple of times

when the big green machine needed me to do things I'd rather not have done. However, the film *Stop-Loss* grossly misinterprets how the stop-loss program works and who it affects.

Furthermore, as a former service member I strongly object to any politicization of soldiers and their lives. We chose to join for the love of our country, and we knew the contract could be modified to meet the needs of the nation.

Moving to my first point, Army Stop-Loss affects about 1 percent of the total force, which at this point in time means less than 10,000 people. When one considers that we are fighting a

global war, with less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the total U.S. population participating in the fight, the number of people affected by this seems far less extreme.

Second, the way stop-loss ordinarily works is that soldiers who are set to leave active duty on a certain date are delayed exit because their unit is leaving for a deployment. The idea that this type of thing would come up on the last day of a soldier's career is so very unlikely I am surprised that even a layperson would buy it.

There are 1461 days in a typical 4-year active duty service obligation. So let's review: not only is this guy in the 1 percent

of people who ever experience stop-loss in the Army, but his stop-loss comes on a day with a 1,461:1 odds against.

I am sorry, but a situation with an overall probability of 146,100:1 cannot possibly represent anything accurately, ever, and I repeat, ever.

So please stop politicizing soldiers. All it does is show soldiers and veterans that you don't get who we are and why we do the things we do.

And don't get your facts from Hollywood, because Hollywood is make-believe. My facts, though they do come from the Department of Defense, do not have an agenda.

John Barkley
Baylor Law 2010

Many reasons for boycott

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

Although I agree with your conclusion on boycotting the upcoming 2008 Chinese Olympics, I think several other reasons need to be brought to light as well. Aside from its blatant civil rights abuses in Tibet and the oppression and practical apartheid state faced by the Tibetan people, China has a long list of other basic rights violations.

China continues to sell weapons to Sudan, perpetuating an

already devastating crisis.

Within China, those who have more than one child face persecution, fines and a denial of basic rights. Members of so-called "seditious" religious groups are imprisoned, as are those who criticize the state.

Lastly, journalistic integrity and freedom is denied through the restricted movement of journalists and restricted use of the internet and internet news sources. Boycotting the 2008 Olympics is the first step of many that must be taken in order to encourage reformation.

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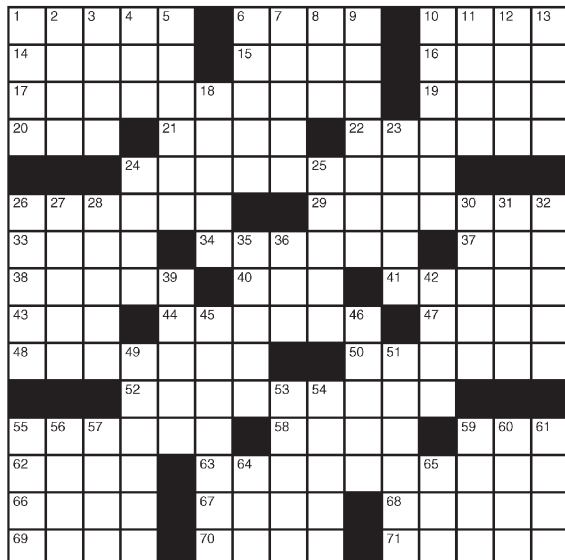
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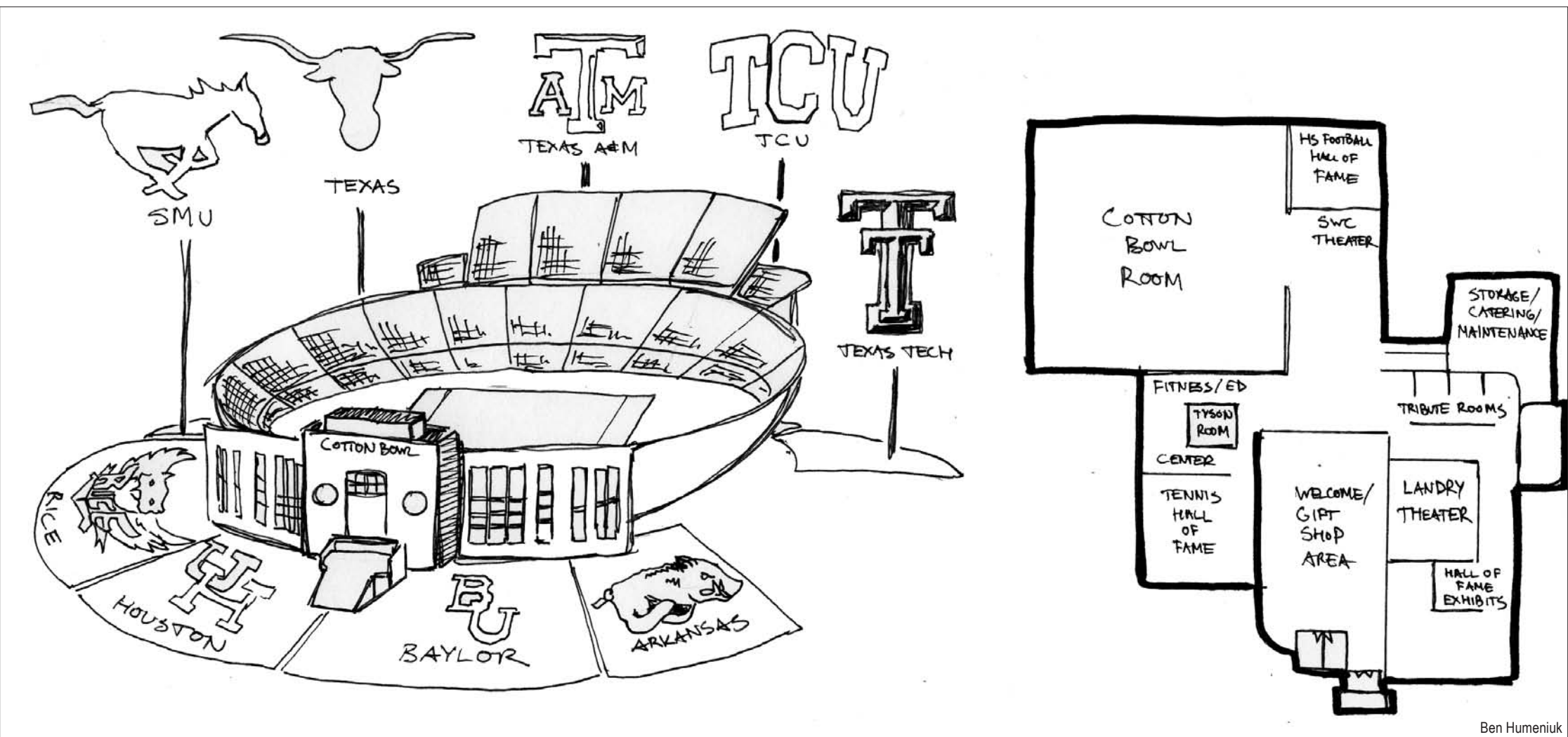
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The Texas Sports Hall of Fame is nearly doubling in size, flowering from a 16,000-square foot facility that struggled to house all of its memorabilia to 34,000. About 10,000 square feet of that space will be devoted to the athletic history of the Southwest Conference.

All nine former SWC teams will have their own 1,000-square foot room partitioned off near a replica model of the Cotton Bowl. Executive director Steve Fallon said that while they have mounds of unused memorabilia, the Universities of Rice, Houston and Texas Tech will be the toughest to properly represent due to those schools late inclusion into the SWC.

Along with the SWC renovations, an 8,000-square foot area will be devoted to upgraded banquet and catering areas adjacent to the SWC rooms. Rentals comprise a big chunk of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame's yearly revenue, so Fallon said the upgrade of the area will be an important step in the maturation of the complex.

A Children's Health and Education Fitness Center will replace the area where the current High School Football Hall of Fame is located. It will feature a reading room and a library of sports-themed children's books available to the public.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame to expand facility

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

The Southwestern Conference has returned to Waco. A new addition to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, located at 1108 S. University Parks drive, will honor both the conference and its traditional post-season game at the Cotton Bowl.

A banquet at the Ferrell Center and a ground-breaking ceremony Wednesday afternoon officially began the \$4 million construction process. Named the Texas Sports Hall of Fame Expansion and Endowment project, the addition will add 18-thousand square feet.

Steve Fallon, executive director of the museum, noted each Southwest Conference school would have 1,000 square feet surrounding the Cotton Bowl exhibit.

"If you pictured the shape of a football – like the Cotton Bowl is – that would be your center," he said. "Out cropping from that in a spider-web effect will be each of the schools in the Southwest Conference."

The Southwest Conference existed from 1914 until 1996 and consisted of nine teams: the University of Arkansas, Baylor University, the Univer-

sity of Texas, Texas Christian University, Texas A&M University, Southern Methodist University and late-comers Rice University, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston.

The impetus for the expansion came from two needs; a lack of conference memorabilia and maximizing event services.

"In late 2004, we hired Tom Stanton, former Baylor athletic director," Fallon said. "I told Tom, 'I don't know what to do with this. There really isn't a whole lot of memorabilia that came from the SWC. We have some displays, but surely there is a way to tie in the old SWC to what we have here.' The next day, he came in and said he had an idea."

Approximately 10-thousand of the 18-thousand feet will be for the conference. The other 8,000 square feet will be for catering and events.

"We've (had) dinners, sorority parties, fraternity parties, weddings and receptions," Fallon said. "We've had to turn down as many as we get. With the expansion, we'll have space for 350 to 400 people."

Fallon hopes the expansion will help bring in the closest

populace – Baylor students.

"One of the major areas where we have been lacking is to get Baylor students to visit the Texas Sports Hall of Fame," Fallon said. "On the other hand, when I was in college, I didn't want to take my date to the museum."

An off-site storage facility holds overflow relics, but most there are from the more prominent members.

Late-arrivals to the conference, Houston, Texas Tech and Rice, will need the most help in locating gear.

"It's up to us to find it, but we're hoping (those schools) will help us," Fallon said.

Construction will last 14 to 18 months depending on weather, and fundraising efforts have already brought in 80 percent of the necessary funds.

Baylor contributed a "substantial" amount, Fallon said, including that it is a "multi-year commitment."

The facility will remain operational, but will function as an "impaired facility," Fallon said. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for students. Children under six years of age, teachers and active military get in free.



Bethany Poller/Lariat staff

The ground-breaking ceremony marks the official beginning of the construction process Wednesday. The ceremony took place in front of the current Texas Sports Hall of Fame facility.

Hornung helps Bears to edge out the University of Texas, 6-5

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Adam Hornung's first-inning, two-run home run pushed the Bears (20-12) past the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks (12-20) 6-5, Wednesday at Baylor Ballpark.

"It kind of got it in the jet stream, I had to get it out of here," right fielder Adam Hornung said. "For six hits it's good to have a win, especially with giving up 13 hits."

Baylor scored all six in the

first three innings, thanks in part to working lead-off batters onto base.

In the following five innings of offense, the Bears only had one lead-off batter reach on sophomore Raynor Campbell's double.

He and Lorena junior Ben Booker were caught off base by catcher Chad Price.

"We left a lot of guys on base," Smith said. "We've got a three-hole hitter at the plate with the bases loaded and they jammed us for a double play. I

can't remember the last time we got somebody's three-hole hitter to ground into a double play."

Channellview sophomore Aaron Miller got his first start of the season, picking up the win in two innings of work.

"It's been a little while," Miller said. "In high school I was a starter. That felt a lot more comfortable to me than coming on in relief."

Miller and relief pitcher Wade Mackey combined for 12 hits and eight strike outs, but late relief pitcher Randall Line-

baugh kept the Mavericks at bay.

"The difference in this game is Randall Linebaugh," head coach Steve Smith said. "He absolutely willed himself to win that game."

Linebaugh, who has a pension for allowing walks to turn into runs, walked just one batter.

"Until the (University of) Kansas game the other day, I hadn't given up a run that wasn't a walk," he said. "I challenged myself to take control of walks,

something I can control."

In his first inning on the mound, Linebaugh watched the first two batters reach base.

A sacrifice bunt moved them both into scoring position, but consecutive strike outs ended the Mavericks best chance to take the lead.

For his efforts, Linebaugh earned his first career save.

"We didn't do anything defensively or on the mound to give it away, and they did," Smith said.

Texas-Arlington allowed four

errors – three in the first three innings and one in the fifth. The first three errors each cost the Mavericks a run.

With a weekend series against the Kansas State University Wildcats in Manhattan, Kan., the Bears realize they still have work to do.

"We got to get more runners on early in the inning," Hornung said.

Baylor will face Kansas State (15-15, 2-7) at 6:30 p.m., Friday, at Tointon Stadium in Manhattan, Kansas.

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BU alumnus hopes to make it in the music business

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Soft and somber aren't the usual qualities for a rock band, but then again, Brian Phillips and his brother, Blake, never claimed to be.

"We're not a band, we just play music," Brian said.

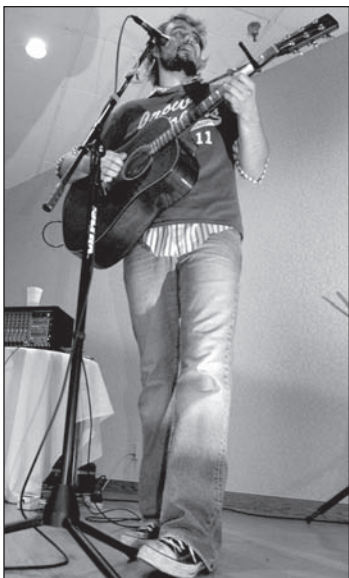
The fraternal duo, performing under the name Brian Douglas Phillips, is doing just that. Playing together since childhood, the brothers have turned idle hands into music.

Brian calls his music Americana rock — a mix of folk and country. An acoustic guitar, his brother's drum set and a strong command of his tenor range are the foundation of his sparsely-adorned band, with only an occasional harmonica altering his sound.

"He treads lightly through delicate ballads and lullabies, saving the thunder-like percussion and heavy-handed piano for a brilliant few rock-n-roll moments," a reviewer for cdbaby.com said.

Originally from McKinney, the Phillips brothers parted ways (and styles) after high school. Blake, a Texas A&M University junior, is a clean-shaven husband while Brian, a 2006 Baylor alumnus, performs with a punk-rock ensemble and a scraggly beard that would make Chad Kroeger jealous. Brian majored in English and journalism, two majors uniquely suited to his current career.

"Journalism was my major at the time," Brian Phillips said. "I wrote for (*The Baylor Lariat*) for a



David Poe/Lariat staff

Brian Douglas Phillips performs an acoustic show in College Station.

while, but I didn't feel like I was contributing. I'm really interested in the writing elements of music."

Now he has that ability. Performing has always been a strong part of both brothers' lives, and that is why Brian also works to produce unsigned artists.

"I was dissatisfied with the way the recording studio was run," he said. His three albums, *The Storms Inside*, *Bullets and Bones* and his third, an untitled album-in-progress, have all been progressively less involved with a studio.

Brian said that is why he and Blake work to produce unsigned artists. However, financial restraints have forced the two to find alternative ways to record their music, like taping tracks in

a bathroom.

"Recording is a lot about the room you record in," Brian said. "Remarkably, bathrooms sound great for acoustic instruments."

He has also had to cut his passion short to pay the rent. Working at Starbucks as a barista, he ironically ended up at the very place he was trying to get away from.

"I'm trying to move away from (coffee houses)," he said. "It's just not conducive to a band. It was really boring for a while."

He traveled from coffee house to coffee house during and after college, but said he finally got sick of it.

Brian's friend, alumna Jennifer Bush, also contributed to his latest album.

"Brian is the real deal," Bush said. "Everything he puts into (his music) is blood, sweat and tears."

Bush contributed her vocal talents, appearing on nearly every track. Though they had been friends since 2002, Brian wasn't familiar with her musical talents.

"I recorded this tape for my family, and I let him listen to it," she said. Bush said after one listen, he called her and said he had to record her on his track.

"Our voices instantly clicked," she said. "He's able to make his music sound exactly like what he wrote."

With an uncertain future, Brian is still heading forward and looking to move to Nashville this summer. For more information about Brian Douglas Phillips, visit www.thebrian-show.com

'Must-see TV' returns on Thursdays

By Neal Justin
McClatchy Newspapers

The lunatics are back in charge of NBC's Thursday asylum — and we wouldn't want it any other way. *My Name Is Earl*, *30 Rock*, *The Office* and *Scrubs*, all of which return with new episodes this month, make for the boldest, most satisfying lineup since *The Cosby Show* turned the night into something special in the '80s. Now, if only audiences would treat them with "must-see" respect.

The four sitcoms may have 12 Emmys among them, including best comedy statues for *The Office* and *30 Rock*, but none ranks in Nielsen's top 20 and all fall short ratings-wise compared with CBS' Monday-night run, anchored by *Two and a Half Men*. If they're not getting the traditional love from viewers, maybe it's because they refuse to take a traditional approach.

While CBS' hits all rely on four-camera setups, studio audiences and more gags than Carrot Top has in his prop trunk, each of NBC's Thursday comedies is shot with a single camera and without any background laughter. They also share a belief that shaping personalities is more important than shaping punch lines. The militant,

power-hungry Dwight Schrute on *The Office* might be TV's funniest character because he has absolutely no sense of humor. It's the kind of comedic risk you wouldn't see on, say, *How I Met Your Mother*.

"Those shows with tried-and-true formulas became more about the formula than anything else," said Rainn Wilson, who plays Schrute. "They were about sitting around in a common area with setups and punch lines and kind of making fun of each other. That became tired and worn out. It was time for reinvention."

While the single-camera format forces these shows to stay rooted in reality, it also allows for more whimsy.

Scrubs can't seem to go five minutes without a dream sequence that could feature anything from a David Copperfield cameo to an all-out musical number.

My Name Is Earl will push some boundaries when it returns this week. The title character, played by Jason Lee, has slipped into a coma, sending his mind to a fantasyland also visited by Paris Hilton. Lee said telling the story of a former bad boy trying to correct his past sins would never work in front of a studio audience, because it allows more



Cast members of NBC's *The Office* vie for viewers at 8 p.m. Thursdays.

creative freedom.

That freedom is a big part of why NBC remains comedy king, if not in ratings, then at least in quality. One could argue that a more typical, more predictable sitcom might bring more eyeballs to the night, but the Thursday-night stars and creators don't seem willing to trade what they have: a consistent, creative evening of both humor and heart.

"We're going to keep making these episodes until they won't let us make them anymore," Fey said. "This is the best night of comedy on TV, and I'm very proud to be on with all these shows."

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Student groups to show off stepping skills at Stomp Fest

By Emily Monti
Reporter

Started in 2001 as the Afro-Olympics, Stomp Fest has gained popularity among Baylor students and organizations.

Stomp Fest will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall, and awards will be given to the top men and women's group.

This event is open to any student organization or group of students on campus who wishes to participate.

The teams put together a step routine, perform and are judged in areas such as creativity, precision and crowd participation.

Each team prepares a routine centered around a specific type of music, such as hip-hop or Latino.

Then the teams practice during the months of February and March to get ready.

Some of the groups featured in this year's show are Freshmen Class Council, Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha.

"I am so proud to be a team captain," said Stockton, Calif., freshman Sarah Castillo. "I have been blessed with a great opportunity and an even greater

team."

Castillo is a co-captain of the Freshmen Class Council stomp team.

Castillo said that FCC has been good at stepping in the past and she hopes they will be able to show that this year.

"I think people will be surprised at the amount of stepping in our routine," Castillo said.

She said FCC wanted to stick with the true meaning of Stomp Fest and not add too much dancing to the act.

Each team comes up with its own steps to perform at the show.

Along the way if any team needs assistance they can contact one of the Stomp Fest coaches like Cameroon graduate student Linda Njoh.

"I used to be a step-master for my sorority, Zeta Psi Beta, and this will be my second year to be a coach for Stomp Fest," Njoh said.

She said that if the teams have any problems they go to their respective coaches for help with music or coming up with extra steps.

"I do this because I enjoy (stepping) and I like working

with people to teach them steps when they know nothing about it," Njoh said.

Baylor alumna Veronicka Thompson, another coach, is in charge of two different organizations this year.

"We are allowed to coach more than one team if they aren't competing in the same category," Thompson said.

She said this is her fourth year coaching and that it's nerve wracking, but worth it in the end.

"I make up steps based on the theme of the routine and some of the steps I take from when I was in a sorority," Thompson said.

As Stomp Fest gets closer, Thompson said, the teams practice every day and try to keep their routine secret, just in case others try to spy.

The show will be hosted by comedian Walter Campbell, and all of the proceeds will be donated to the Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation.

Tickets are \$8 for floor seats, \$6 for balcony and can be purchased in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

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Girls at polygamist compound forced to have sex, documents show



Associated Press

Several vehicles and members of law enforcement congregate outside the main temple and its secondary structure on the grounds of the "Yearning For Zion" Ranch, home of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Tuesday in Eldorado.

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANGELO — Young teenage girls at a polygamist compound in West Texas were required to have sex in a soaring white temple after they were married in sect-recognized unions, according to court documents unsealed Wednesday.

The temple "contains an area where there is a bed where males over the age of 17 engage in sexual activity with female children under the age of 17," said an affidavit quoting a confidential informant who left the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Agents found a bed in the temple with disturbed linens and

what appeared to be a female hair, said the affidavit signed by Texas Ranger Leslie Brooks Long. The Rangers are the state's investigative law enforcement arm.

The temple also contained multiple locked safes, vaults and desk drawers that authorities sought access to as they searched for records showing alleged marriages of underage girls as young as 12 or 13 to older men and births among the teens. The affidavit unsealed Wednesday mentions a 16-year-old girl who has four children.

Texas law prohibits polygamy and the marriage of girls under 16.

Also Wednesday, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers completed a weeklong

search of the 1,700-acre grounds, said spokeswoman Tela Mange.

Lawyers for the sect had wanted to cut off the wide-ranging search as it dragged on but agreed in court Wednesday to the appointment of a special master who will vet what is expected to be hundreds of boxes of records, computers and even family Bibles for records that should not become evidence for legal or religious reasons.

Gerry Goldstein, a San Antonio lawyer flanked by nine other attorneys the church hired, said the search of the temple is analogous to a law enforcement search of the Vatican or other holy places. The church lawyers described in documents three men being dragged from the temple as law

enforcement sought entry for the search.

Troopers also arrested two men over the week and charged them with interfering with the search.

Prosecutor Allison Palmer argued the search was to uncover any evidence of criminal activity, not to malign a religion.

The search of the compound in Eldorado, 40 miles south of San Angelo, began last Thursday after a 16-year-old girl called a local family violence shelter to report her 50-year-old husband beat and raped her. The search warrant covered all documents related to marriages among sect members, including photos and entries possibly written in family Bibles.

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you can expect to be cured."

Walter stood there, questioning whether his doctor meant cured or in remission. Then, his doctor confirmed that if he took the route of having his prostate removed, he would be officially cancer-free.

Older men, diagnosed in their 70's or 80's just opt for straight radiation because it can give them at least 10 more years to live, but Walter was too young to take his chances.

Had Walter been told he had a more life-threatening type of cancer, he might have experienced a whole different emotion.

But, the idea of being cancer-free made Walter hopeful and no longer worry about cancer taking over his life.

Walter felt no physical pain from this disease during the waiting period between his diagnosis and his surgery, which was about one month.

Walter's co-worker and friend for eight years, Robert Graham, said everyone in the office was concerned after finding out the diagnosis. Graham is assistant director for campus recreation and coordinator for sports clubs.

"He told us at the staff meeting that he had cancer, but he was rather positive about it," Graham said. "When someone that didn't know he had it asked him how he was doing, in which most people say 'fine,' he would say 'I have cancer,' then laugh."

Walter's humor was one way of approaching the disease in a positive way. He started to realize how much everyday life is taken for granted.

"I appreciated how well I felt, and I thought about it a lot," Walter said. "As I would walk across the Baylor campus, I would think how really beautiful life is, and that just normal life — nothing extraordinary going on — just normal life is fantastic."

As Walter awaited his surgery, one of the things that helped him prepare and become at ease with his cancer was educating himself, and reading books about what he might experience. He read so much that his family, and even his doctor, told him he had read enough.

Walter compared preparing for his cancer removal surgery to taking a big test, saying that "you feel a lot better with a whole lot of studying behind you."

One of the books that Walter read informed him that he may experience negative thoughts while lying down for a long period of time during his pre-surgery full body and CT scan, even though it was non-invasive and painless.

Through his readings, Walter maintained his positive character during the entire experience and avoided negative thoughts.

"I guess I could have felt sorry for myself. That would've

been an understandable reaction, but because this guy had written about how he felt sorry for himself, I felt a little sorry for myself, but not very," Walter said.

Up until Walter's surgery, he had been going to work and doing the same things he normally did. But the month following his cancer removal, he experienced intense pain.

For Walter, the most indescribable feeling during his whole ordeal with cancer was the month after the cancer was taken out.

"That next month is really hard, and you don't have cancer anymore, but it's a challenge to get through. You feel bad," Walter said. Just like a sports injury, he said, "you've got to go through some hard times to get back to normal."

Though Walter maintained a positive attitude throughout his recovery, the pain did take a toll on him and caused him to miss out on some important moments in his family's life.

Walter has always been an avid sports lover and Baylor fan, but for that entire month, he had to miss his son's high school baseball games. He said going through that makes only him appreciate it more.

The thing that Walter didn't anticipate was what it would be like to be on the receiving end of people's prayer's.

"It's the first time in my life that people would pray that I would feel good or that I would feel comfort, that I would have a good attitude and that I would be healed and not have cancer anymore," he said.

Walter did pray during his recovery period, but said he strongly felt that if he hadn't, the prayers of others would have healed him.

Being in that type of positive community, including his family's positivity, and thinking that "three weeks from now I'll be fine," helped Walter through his month of pain.

Walter's real goal was to maintain a sense of normalcy. He said he didn't need anything extraordinary in his life, and once he went back to work and got into the swing of things, it got better.

He still goes in every few months to have blood work done and make sure that the cancer hasn't snuck into another part of his body, but he remains positive that it won't come back and said he isn't worried.

"I'm confident that it didn't, because every blood lab work I've done since then has shown zero, and if it did come back they could still zap it with radiation," he said.

Without preaching, Walter advises his male friends to get physicals regularly because some types of cancer, like the prostate cancer he had, are known as the silent killer. You can't see it, feel it or touch it, he said but it's there.

Walter celebrated his one-year anniversary as a cancer survivor April 3 and will be going to his first Relay for Life Friday.

Tisdale is no stranger to competition. She battled the experienced Chelsea Whitaker for playing time during her freshman year at Baylor, which prepared her for bigger and better things.

She said being coached by the outspoken Kim Mulkey also gave her ample experience for the bumpy road ahead.

"I think Coach Mulkey can prepare anybody for anything," Tisdale said. "I think she prepared me for the WNBA — the mental part of it and the physical part of it. I am just ready for another challenge."

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in pursuit of a more humane and just world for everyone," he said.

Students that are part of the academy are required to attend lectures to get an insight on

leadership and what roles they should play on such issues.

"Dr. Hernandez is going to give a perspective to get students to think about and expand on world views. It's a hot political topic right now and (the lecture) will engage students in that conversation," Curtis said.

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Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, said she feels grateful to be living in the United States when she hears of violence breaking out in her home country.

"But at the same time, my heart goes out to my friends and family who are still there, and it's not a good feeling to know that there's a chance they could be caught up in it," Ncube said.

The election has drawn international attention due to the possible ousting of autocratic ruler Mugabe, who has been at the helm during the slaughter of Zimbabwe's once stable economy. Mugabe came into power during British-supervised elections the same year Zimbabwe gained independence from Britain in 1980.

"He's been part of our lives for 28 years, and for some people, the thought of him not being there is like America not having McDonalds," Chikunya said. "People just simply think it's not possible. But say, God forbid, McDonald's isn't there, you discover that your life doesn't end there. You just go to Wendy's and still enjoy your food."

Drained economy

In 2000, Mugabe ignited a wave of controversy when he ordered the seizure of farms owned by white settlers to be redistributed among black Zimbabweans. By forcing specialized farmers to leave the country and placing the agricultural industry in the hands of Mugabe supporters, the land reform program only worsened the economy.

Production fell, inflation skyrocketed and the country experienced a brain drain of significant proportions.

Despite Zimbabwe having a well-educated population and one of the highest literacy rates in Africa, people are fleeing elsewhere in search of jobs.

"People are leaving because of the economic instability and limited opportunities,"



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

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student senate officers.

Matthew Cordon, chairman of the faculty senate, said the senate generally was not pleased with the recommendation.

But Charles Cullen, assistant director of parking and transportation planning at the consulting group, presented a strong argument for the necessity of a faculty parking fee.

"Parking is an auxiliary function on campus... everyone that uses an auxiliary function should pay a fee," Cullen said.

Cullen also said faculty and staff are more likely to fill parking spaces in the summer and enjoy closer parking than students year-round, adding two more reasons why faculty

should pay a heftier fee than students.

Currently, faculty and staff members do not pay to park on campus.

The consultant's suggested fee increases are not aimed at reducing the number of cars on campus.

"The important part of this process is to get a clear understanding of where we are today," Krause said.

However, the survey uncovered the need for an additional 100 faculty and staff parking spaces.

Krause said by the Fall 2008 semester, the university will take action to increase faculty and staff parking, consolidate visitor parking lots and end ticketing for backing into a space. These three actions all

Obey Gwitira of Dallas said. Gwitira lived in Zimbabwe for 21 years until he moved to Arlington to attend the University of Texas at Arlington.

"I wish things could change and Zimbabwe could bring back investors, so that people with PhDs could go back home instead of working at McDonalds in America."

The Central Statistical Office of the Zimbabwean government reported that one-year inflation in February reached 165,000 percent, up from a rate of only four to seven percent inflation 12 years ago. This accompanies a hiking unemployment rate, which the CIA World Factbook reported at 80 percent this year.

With 50 million Zimbabwean dollars buying only one U.S. dollar, exports are extremely expensive and basic commodities are immensely scarce.

"I went back to Zimbabwe during spring break, and there was no food in the shops. The shelves were completely empty," Chikunya said. "The government put price controls on food last summer to try and stop inflation. Obviously, this is contrary to common laws of economics, but now people aren't producing because it's no longer cost-effective to produce. There's just no incentive."

Leadership for change

With a near universal unemployment rate, severe food shortages and electricity failures, the people of Zimbabwe are craving a leadership for change.

"The president has to change. We need someone who will put a focus on the economy, bring people together and have a strong business mentality," Gwitira said.

Along with millions of other Zimbabweans, Lunsford believes Tsvangirai is the man for the job.

"I know that if Tsvangirai wins, Zimbabwe will be the bread basket of Africa like it was before," Lunsford said, in reference to the country's history of being a successful exporter of cotton, tobacco and copper.

"People love (Tsvangirai). He has suffered for them, and they think he should have a chance as president," Chikunya said. "He's been against Mugabe for a long time. He has a strong personality and connection with the people."

While Tsvangirai has campaigned, captivated and convinced millions on the idea of change, some feel he will only serve as a good transitional leader. A 2006 Baylor graduate, who wished to not be identified, has slight suspicions of Tsvangirai's true democratic spirit, citing his tenure as the MDC leader

stem from the survey.

In addition to information Cullen gathered from visits to campus, a parking survey was e-mailed by Institutional Research and Testing to 5,000 randomly-selected students and all 2,906 faculty and staff members in November. The 23-question survey included inquiries regarding the time of day the individual arrives and leaves campus, where the individual usually parks and how much per day would be a fair price for parking.

Cullen wrote the survey, and Campus Services made minor changes before submitting it to Institutional Research and Testing.

Kathleen Morley, director of institutional research and testing, said 2,583 people responded

since its formation in 1999.

"Part of living in a democracy is being able to relinquish power. He's been the leader of MDC for nine years, even though others have tried to help lead," he said. "But for right now, he's running on the issues that we need to address and offers a better outlook than the current government."

Ideologically, the two political parties mainly differ on foreign policy, Gwitira said. The ZANU-PF is composed of Mugabe loyalists, war veterans and older, illiterate populations who retain an anti-colonialism mindset and reject Western interference. Members of the MDC tend to be younger, more progressive and open to bringing back white farmers to increase agricultural productivity, Gwitira said.

The MDC also is in strong favor of improving relations with the international community and courting foreign aid, an effort unaccomplished by Mugabe's anti-West policies and consistent clashes with Britain, Gwitira said.

"We're living in a different world now. Colonialism is done," Gwitira said in reference to the government's fear of Western influence. "Zimbabwe doesn't need to be dependent on foreign aid to function. We just need basic necessities."

International spotlight

In order to cast a shadow over an already questionable voting process, the government prohibited foreign press from covering the elections, forcing the media to camp out on Zimbabwe's borders and rely on inside journalists. A *New York Times* reporter was jailed last week for reporting without government permission and was released on bail Monday, the *International Herald Tribune* reported.

"Information needs to be transparent," Gwitira said. "If the international community knows about what's going on, then not only is the government accountable to the people of Zimbabwe but also to governments around the world."

With the international spotlight turned on Zimbabwe's election crisis, Ncube hopes more people will care about the plight of her home country.

"The people of Zimbabwe are suffering. Those that could leave the country have already left, but millions of people are suffering at the hands of poor government," Ncube said. "Democracy hasn't been able to prevail in Zimbabwe, and the government has used numerous scare tactics, violence, and empty promises to try and silence the voices of the people who try to advocate for change."

ed to the survey, representing a response rate of 33 percent.

"That's a fairly good response rate. We look for anywhere from 30 to 40 percent," Morley said.

Krause said Wilbur Smith and Associates, the firm that conducted the university parking survey in 2001, recommended that parking be revisited in five years.

Much has changed around campus since the 2001 analysis, reinforcing the need for this parking evaluation. The addition of parking garages, buildings and green spaces formerly paved for parking have all factored into the parking situation at Baylor, Krause said.

Also, Parking Services broke away from the Baylor Police Department in 2006 and is now part of Campus Services.

Godspeed by Ben Humeniuk

