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Worker wages increase to \$7

By Ashley Killough
Staff Writer

The Baylor Board of Regents approved the recommendations of the Adequate Wage Task Force this summer, raising the minimum wage for permanent service workers from \$5.85 to \$7 per hour.

Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration, said this was the second year in a row that Baylor increased its base-line pay. In a 2006 proposal, the task force drafted a four-year plan that would gradually phase in a \$10 minimum wage by 2010.

Last year, the university was required to match the increase in the federal minimum wage raised by Congress from \$5.15 to \$5.85.

"This year we took the next step to raise it to seven dollars," Ramsower said.

The funding for the living wage initiative will be evaluated on a yearly basis, pending on the amount of room in the budget, Ramsower said.

The living, or adequate, wage is one that exceeds the federal minimum and addresses the basic needs of full-time employees according to cost of living in Waco.

Ramsower said Baylor will make sure Aramark and Crothall, the two main companies that contract employees on campus, comply with the new wage standards, which are to be implemented in a couple months.

"The faculty is extremely supportive, and we're committed to do everything we can to follow the plan," Ramsower, a member of the task force, said.

Similar actions have been taken at other schools, including Harvard University, Georgetown University and Stanford University.

Founded by former Interim President William D. Underwood and co-chaired by Vice President for Student Development Dub Oliver and former student Jenny Parker, the task force has been advocating for the living wage since 2004.

Citing social justice, Christian values and increased motivation and productivity, the 2006 proposal emphasized the moral and economic advantages to initiating a living wage.

Baylor Students for Social Justice, a student group

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Sarah Morris/Lariat staff

The game of love

Sponsored by Kappa Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon, David Coleman, "America's Real-Life Hitch," gave dating advice to students on Wednesday night at Waco Hall. Coleman, the "Love Doctor" was the inspiration for Will Smith's character in the movie Hitch. Coleman's most recent book is titled Making Relationships Matter.

'StuFu' earns a pat on the back

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

Baylor's Student Foundation was recognized for its outstanding service to the Baylor community during the 2008 Association of Student Advancement Programs' (ASAP) Network Convention in Salt Lake City. ASAP, an association that supports higher level institutions, named the Student Foundation it's 2008 Outstanding Student Foundation.

Student organizations from colleges from all over the nation attended the convention. "It is definitely a big honor to be recognized in such a capacity at a national convention," said Chandra Ford, director of the Student Foundation. "Students in the foundation at Baylor have a high commitment to service, and they do serve the Baylor community in a pretty significant capacity. "Through the Student Foundation, students have the chance to serve the university in a multitude of areas. "The ultimate goal of Student Foundation is to serve Baylor," said Sherman senior Aaron Bennett, co-president of the Student Foundation. "The way we do that is through recruiting students at high schools, attracting new students with campus tours, raising scholarship funds, networking with alumni, and serving at different campus events." Since its establishment, the Student Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in scholarships, helping more than 5,000 students. "The reality is that Baylor can't be an option for some students unless they have extra financial help, and the university can only give so much," Bennett said. "We're just one extra avenue to help students do this. It's kind of different when you're being recognized by your own fellow students instead of the university. It's kind of an honor, actually. And we are one of the few student organizations in the nation that award students with scholarships." The Student Foundation strives to build community-minded leaders through tasks such as networking with Baylor alumni and holding campus events.

"You might think that leadership skills are not right at the forefront of the Foundation, but it really does put you in the position to be leader," Bennett said. "It challenges you to get up and speak in front of people, which develops your communication skills, as well as teaches you to network among alumni. We put our all into every action we take and try to excel in each little thing we do. I'd say those are the characteristics of good leaders."

Raleigh, N.C., senior Jacki Jensen, co-president of the Student Foundation, said an outstanding student foundation is one that has the students' best interest in mind.

"It definitely takes a love for the Baylor community to truly be an outstanding Student Foundation," she said. "But it is important to realize that there's something so much bigger than Baylor, and that is Christ and His Kingdom. There is a tangible opportunity the Foundation gives students for service not only to Baylor, but to the greater Waco community."

Lab gives students break from usual classrooms

By Kirsten Johnson
Reporter

Thirty-two rolling sofa chairs with armrests, nine flat-screen LCD monitors, and a sound-proof, glass-enclosed room, at first glance, doesn't appear to be a typical classroom.

For anyone walking along the first-floor hallway of Cashion Academic Center may the new Curb Learning Lab for Music and Entertainment Marketing.

The lab was officially dedicated on Thursday. Mike Curb, founder of Curb Records and

well-known philanthropist, was present and contributed \$500,000 to the project.

"The reason we are particularly excited about the Curb Learning Lab at Baylor is because of the emphasis on the marketing, of music and entertainment, including sports marketing which is very similar to music marketing," Curb said. "And it is a very significant opportunity for the next generation."

The idea to build the Music and Entertainment Marketing program came two years ago. Curb initially wanted to

restore the building that once belonged to Word Records, a Christian record label founded in Waco in 1951, but the building had already been destroyed. Instead, the vision of the Curb Lab construction on campus was conceived. The lab is comprised of three sections, each adding to the learning experiences for students of M&E marketing and the sports sponsorship & Sales programs.

"The Curb Learning Lab is one part museum and shows the history of entertainment and Christian music," said Dr. Kirk Wakefield, Marketing Depart-

ment Chair and co-founder of the M&E Marketing program. "It provides a meeting room for the M&E or S3 program students to conference and train. In the middle, there's a role-play room for selling practice, and the call center on the side is to enhance database marketing and other analytical skills."

Donated by AT&T, the 24-seat AT&T Call Center includes 24 Dell computers, each paired with an integrated Cisco phone system. This aspect of the lab makes it one-of-a-kind in the nation. The new equipment benefits stu-

dents within either the Music & Entertainment Marketing or the Sports Sponsorship & Sales program.

"The Curb Room is the perfect environment for inspiration and learning," Fredericksburg senior Ben Rogers said. "The technology present makes for easy long-distance meeting and is critical in keeping Baylor present in other parts of the country, such as Nashville. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn in such a high class environment and see it as an important asset in Baylor's educational tool belt."

Palin delivers rousing first speech at convention



AP Photo

Republican vice presidential candidate Sara Palin speaks at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., Wednesday night.

By David Espo
The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin claimed her historic spot on the Republican ticket Wednesday night, uncorking a smiling, slashing attack on Barack Obama and vowing to help presidential candidate John McCain bring real change to Washington. Scarcely known a week ago, she drew tumultuous cheers from the Republican National Convention.

"Victory in Iraq is finally in sight; he wants to forfeit," she said of Obama. "Al-Qaida terrorists still plot to inflict catastrophic harm on America; he's worried that someone won't read them their rights."

The 44-year-old Palin had top billing on the third night of the convention. The first woman vice presidential candidate in party history, she spoke to uncouneted millions of viewers at home in her solo national debut.

To the delight of the delegates, McCain strolled unexpectedly onto the convention stage after the speech and hugged his running mate.

"Don't you think we made the right choice" for vice president? he said as his delegates roared their approval. It was an unspoken reference to the convention-week controversy that has greeted her, including the disclosure that her 17-year-old unmarried daughter was pregnant.

The packed convention hall exploded in cheers as McCain stood with Palin and her family, including mother-to-be Bristol and the father, 18-year-old Levi Johnston.

The audience also shouted in agreement in line after line delivered by the 44-year-old Alaska governor, the first woman ever named to a Republican national ticket.

Palin drew cheers from the moment she stepped onto the convention stage, hundreds of camera flashes reflecting off her glasses.

If McCain and his campaign's high command had any doubt

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Waco public transportation in need of upgrade

Some exchange students I was driving around Waco asked how pedestrians crossed Valley Mills Drive in order to get to the Waco Galaxy 16 movie theater.

The simple question left me stumped for an answer as I considered the lack of pedestrian infrastructure in Waco.

To my dismay, I was forced to answer that there was really no safe way to walk or bike to the theater from campus.

The reality is, Waco's streets are not pedestrian-friendly, and the city has little to offer in the way of public transportation.

For example, the typical Baylor student probably makes the trek from campus to the fast food restaurants across Interstate 35 via walking or biking at least

once. Depending on the time of day, running may be involved. This short walk to get food is not a safe one.

First, walking or biking from campus across the two access roads can be dangerous. Add the oddly-engineered intersection on Dutton Avenue between the IHOP and Subway, and the journey becomes harder to navigate. The alternative is the pedestrian overpass over I-35. However, the place where the overpass ends on the opposite side of the highway is by no means a well-lit or safe place to walk.

This is just a small-scale example of the kind of the lack of pedestrian-friendly infrastructure in Waco.

In addition, the public transit



BY LIZ FOREMAN

system leaves a lot to be desired.

The Waco public transit system's operating hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For six days a week, the city offers a cheap means of transit for only 13 hours a day, and none on Sundays. This limited time frame does not leave much time for people to go places after work or classes. In a city with a college and a high poverty rate, public

transit should be a higher priority on the city's agenda.

While studying abroad in China this summer, I was amazed at the abundance of public transportation. Buses and subways are always available. In the big cities of Beijing and Shanghai, taxis are everywhere. Even in more rural areas, taxis and bus stops are available at nearly every block.

Public buses are run every day of the week until about 11 p.m., and subways are available in big cities until at least midnight.

In cities that cannot accommodate subways, one can usually find underground pedestrian walkways to help people navigate throughout the city without crossing busy streets and intersections.

Transforming Waco's infrastructure into something of this magnitude would be costly and time-consuming. Little steps can be taken, however, such as adding sidewalks and crosswalks to busy roads like Valley Mills Drive. Lighting along pedestrian sidewalks would increase safety and visibility for pedestrians.

Waco's public transportation system can better cater to residents by increasing hours of operation. The modern person's lifestyle does not end at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. Work schedules and family demands leave little time during the day for errands. Also, in a town filled with college students, later hours of public transit are necessary.

Even for those who own a

vehicle, public transit proves useful. As of late, gas prices and the economy hinder a person's daily routine and ability to drive as often. Public transit and pedestrian infrastructure alleviate the burden of gas prices by offering an alternative for short trips and errands.

The most useful and economical thing that a city can offer its residents is cheap and convenient public transportation in conjunction with pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. It's time for the city of Waco to address this need.

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Editorial

Faculty, staff need to respect student parking

Baylor Parking Services made changes to various parking lots around campus this summer based on suggestions from a consulting firm. While they were rearranging faculty spaces and visitor spaces, they also eliminated about 100 student spaces in the Speight Garage by Hankamer School of Business by changing half the second floor to faculty parking. Last year they changed a row of 31 spaces in the Dutton Parking Garage from student to faculty parking. While it is important that faculty have adequate places to park, Baylor needs to consider the students they are displacing when making these parking changes.

Last year, for the first time in many years, Parking Services called in consultants to survey the parking lots around campus in an effort to maximize parking. At the time, the consultants found 312 unfilled student spaces and decided statistically that faculty needed 102 more spaces. Last fall's numbers, the most recent, put the number of faculty and staff at 2,142. Meanwhile, the number of graduate, undergraduate and Truett Seminary students as of last spring totaled 12,705. For the 2,142 faculty and staff members, there are now 1,605 parking spots. For the 12,705 students, there are now 6,251 spots. While it is encouraging

that Parking Services is taking measures to better serve the campus, it is not apparent why they would take away spaces from students when there aren't even enough for half of them.

It is undoubtedly important that faculty have a place to park on campus, since most don't have the opportunity to walk to campus like many students do. And if professors are 15 minutes late to class because they couldn't find a parking spot, they are likely to find that all their students have left already. So it makes sense that faculty members are awarded spots close to academic buildings. It doesn't make sense, though, that on any given day, you can find faculty parked in student spots around campus, even with rows of empty faculty spaces nearby. Right now, Baylor Parking Services allows faculty to park in student parking spots without being ticketed. If students are going to respect faculty spaces, faculty should reciprocate that respect even if they aren't going to be penalized.

Adding to the parking problems is the fact that all the parking spaces between Moody Library and Fountain Mall are blocked off for a drainage improvement project. Baylor didn't start construction until the middle of July,



saying the first half of the summer was used for planning. Officials should have planned accordingly so that the renovations would be completed by the time the fall semester came around.

The construction will be done by the end of the week, but that's not soon enough to save students frustration that could have been avoided if the construction had been done by the start of school.

To the credit of the university, the recently renovated Baylor University Shuttles operate every class day, which give students an option other than parking on campus or walking. But many students don't use the shuttles because the BUS stops are far away from their homes or they don't want

to wait for the shuttle to pick them up.

To alleviate parking issues for students, Baylor could offer a couple of solutions. Offering more frequent shuttles might encourage more students to hop on board.

The university could also make better use of the East Campus Parking Garage on Second Street and Daughtrey Avenue. Of the 1,167 spots in that garage, 930 were available last Friday, according to the Parking Services Web site.

The other garages on campus were at least 80 percent full while this one was 80 percent empty. To get more students to park here and free up space in other garages, Baylor should offer a discounted parking sole-

ly in the East Campus Parking Garage. Students who take classes mainly in the Baylor Sciences Building and those who just want to save some money would most likely buy the reduced parking stickers.

In a similar vein, Baylor could let students park in the lot at the Ferrell Center for a discounted price and have a shuttle run from there to campus. This would give students who live off the BUS routes another option for parking.

Even though right now parking lots are short on space for students, Baylor Parking Services is planning a meeting in the near future with a group that includes both students and faculty. Hopefully, with their input, students will get more spots soon.

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Free societies should not take free press for granted

Freedom of press is an ideal that is widely accepted in the United States as a right inherently possessed, but press freedom is not universal.

Readers in free societies can pick up a newspaper or visit Web sites such as CNN on a daily basis to get the news, yet it seems fewer and fewer actually do. And on those occasions that they actually pay attention to the news, they rarely give a second thought to the journalists all over the world who risk their lives every day for those stories.

In other parts of the world, being a journalist means constantly risking imprisonment or

death. Citizens who enjoy free press rarely consider that there are journalists who die for news readers easily disregard.

These deaths should not be taken lightly because press freedom is a serious problem in many countries. It is such a problem that organizations exist to support freedom and protection for journalists, such as the Committee to Protect Journalists and Reporters Without Borders.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists' Web site, "Without a free press, few other human rights are attainable." Journalists strive for societies with strong press freedoms.



BY JENNIFER SUTTON

These societies allow them to freely deliver news and sustain a balance of power and information therein.

When asked in an e-mail interview to describe journalism in Pakistan, Ahmed Tamjid Aijazi, journalist and political analyst based in Dubai, United

Arab Emirates wrote, "Journalism is a mission, not a profession!"

A journalist's mission is to seek out truth and information, enabling readers to have the facts and form their own opinion. This establishes a balance of power outside of the government that enables the promotion and protection of healthy, stable and free societies. These are the societies that journalists are willing to die to help create.

The Committee to Protect Journalists reports that, as of June 30, 2008, 693 journalists have been killed all over the world since Jan. 1, 1992. In

addition, according to Reporters Without Borders, 131 journalists have been imprisoned so far this year alone.

The deaths of some journalists, such as that of Daniel Pearl of The Washington Post, who was murdered in Pakistan in 2002, are well known.

However, most deaths and imprisonments go unheard of by the general population. Journalists are willing to die in the search for truth and to bring down corruption.

Journalism is more than a job, it's a life. Unfortunately, in some instances that life can end in bloodshed.

According to the Reporters Without Borders Web site, "Jailing or killing a journalist removes a vital witness to events and threatens the right of us all to be informed." They couldn't be more right.

Journalists can be imprisoned for years or murdered because one story or photo offends the wrong person or group.

Journalists are sacrificing their lives all over the world because they believe that everyone has a right to know what's going on, so we should pay attention to the news that they die to bring us.

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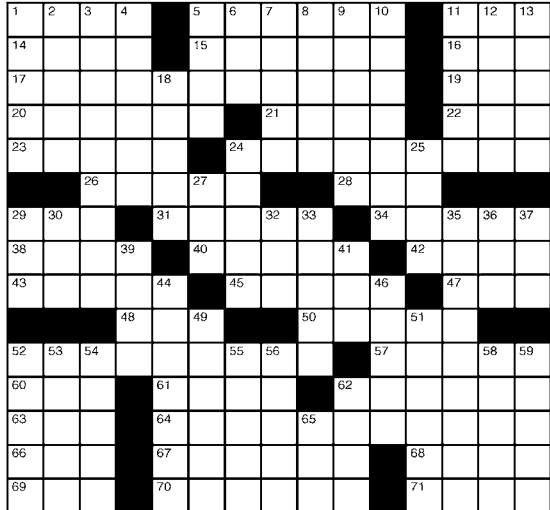
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Students help sell shoes, raise funds for Iraqis

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

Insha'Allah, "God willing," two Baylor students will someday return to Iraq to help save children's lives.

Irving senior Angel Rasco and Raleigh, N.C., junior Audrey Waggoner spent the summer in northern Iraq as interns for the Preemptive Love Coalition, an organization that raises money to fund heart surgeries for Iraqi children.

The PLC raises money by purchasing traditional Kurdish shoes, or klash, from local shoemakers, and selling them online. The shoes are blue and white or blue, red and white and cost \$100.

According to the PLC Web site, the employees of the PLC are unpaid, so all profits pay for surgery or post-operative therapy.

Rasco and Waggoner spent most of their six weeks in the program planning a banquet for post-operative children, klash-sellers and interns.

"It was pretty awesome to get to the people that work with the PLC connected with the kids and let them know what their work is actually doing: saving lives," Waggoner said.

Rasco, an education major, went because she loves kids, she said. "The cause is amazing. It just seemed to fit," she said.

As of 2007 there were 3,000 children in Iraq that need heart surgeries for rheumatic and congenital heart disease, according to the PLC Web site.

Though it remains a topic of great speculation, experts have hypothesized that Saddam Hussein's 281 chemical attacks on the Kurds of Northern Iraq are a contributing factor to congenital heart disease in many today, according to the PLC Web site.

Poor hygienic conditions, the high expense of medical treatment, malnutrition and ignorance of disease are also factors into the prevalence of heart problems in Iraqi children, according to *Heart*, a British medical journal.

The average cost of a heart surgery, \$7,000, is roughly

twice the average Iraqi annual income. Iraqis usually make between \$200 and \$300 a month, according to *Heart*.

The PLC, along with Kurdistan's Save the Children, has paid for 13 children's surgeries and has provided therapy for or helped with medical bills for seven others.

"I think that what they're doing is really awesome ... first of all they're saving lives, and they're helping the economy by pouring money into the market by buying shoes," Waggoner said.

"The families whose kids are healed now have a lot of questions about why someone would do this."

In addition to the banquet, Rasco and Waggoner also helped start a line of kid's klash.

They also performed promotional work for the company, helped with inventory and taught a conversational English class twice a week.

Right now the PLC's only program is "Buy Shoes. Save Lives," and they make almost all their money from the Klash sales. PLC also sell shirts printed with their slogan, including two sold at Congress Clothing.

"They're looking at other things, and constantly developing new options for the biggest seller and biggest way to fund heart surgeries," Rasco said.

PLC's co-founder Jeremy Courtney said, the interns did a "particularly great job."

"Both ladies were among the most adaptable of all the summer interns," Courtney said. "Their was the hardest set of circumstances, being the only female interns in a culture where local women do not readily embrace newcomers without a certain amount of skepticism. But Audrey and Angel never lost heart."

Alumnus Ben Humeniuk makes promotional art for the PLC.

"The people involved have so much passion to see the Iraqis healed," Humeniuk said. "For Americans to come into their countries, without bombs, to fix their children's hearts, it changes the way they feel about Americans."



Sarah Morris/Lariat staff

Waxahachie senior Tyler Gilby regularly works out on the fly press at the McLane Student Life Center. "The SLC is always busy at the beginning of the year, but after a couple of weeks it will begin to thin out," he said.

Growing student body creates crowding

By Alex Maxwell
Reporter

The new freshmen class of about 3000 is the second-largest in Baylor's history. The increasing student body affects aspects of student life, such as Campus Recreation, which includes facilities, intramural and club sports.

Jeff Walter, assistant director for campus recreation facilities, said he noticed the large amount of students in the McLane Student Life Center on the first day of the new semester.

"3,600 students were in the SLC on Monday, and 1,100 of those came between 3 and 6 p.m.," Walter said. "It seems like the time everyone comes is right after class."

When asked if the influx of the large freshmen class poten-

tially could create a crowded experience, Walter said he was not phased by the large numbers seen on the first week.

He said he loves the fact that students are using the SLC.

"Bring them on," Walter said with a smile. Walter said he had confidence that the SLC can handle all the students.

Another way students can exercise is through intramurals, also a part of Campus Recreation.

Senior intramural coordinator Dominique Hill said the intramurals program anticipates having more involvement then ever before and will limit the amount of teams that will be able to play in each sport.

Both Hill and Walter said they are excited about the big potential for student involvement.

"It's awesome," Hill said.

"There will be more opportunities for students to interact with people that they don't normally get to interact with."

Many people may see potential problems with the large student involvement, but Hill said he looks at it a different way.

"I wouldn't call them problems, it's just a different dynamic," Hill said.

He said the only different dynamic he thought intramurals might face is the need for more staff to accommodate the large numbers.

Some of the McLane Student Life Center student staff, however, recognizes the downside of the growing student body.

"Its very crowded ... returning students will need to be patient and make adjustments," said Justin Caplinger, Rowlett senior and member of the center's fitness staff.

Even with the large influx of students at the McLane Student Life Center this past week, there are still students that are unaware of what Campus Recreation has to offer.

Late Night at SLC on Friday allowed many students to see how they could become involved in campus life.

Mineola freshman Haley Pfaff said that her knowledge of what was offered was still limited and included the fitness center, the rock, and the basketball courts.

Involvement is a big part of Campus Recreation's vision, according to Campus Recreation's Web site.

"We envision a dynamic array of programs that positively engage students and develop community between students as well as a long-term commitment to Baylor University."

Bush hails government readiness as residents return to New Orleans

By Mary Foster and Melinda Deslatte
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Thousands of people who fled Hurricane Gustav forced the city to reluctantly open its doors Wednesday, but nearly 1.2 million homes and businesses across Louisiana were still without electricity and officials said it could take as long as a month to fully restore power.

As residents came home to New Orleans, President Bush returned to the site of one of the biggest failures of his presidency to show that the government had turned a corner since its bungled response to Katrina.

Faced with traffic backups on paths into the city, Mayor Ray Nagin gave up checking ID badges and automobile placards designed to keep residents out until early Thursday. Those who returned said if the city was safe enough for repair crews and health care workers, it was safe enough for them, too.

"People need to get home, need to get their houses straight and get back to work," said George Johnson, who used back

roads to sneak into the city. "They want to keep you out of your own property. That's just not right."

But once back at home, many people had no power and no idea when it might return.

"There is no excuse for the delay. We absolutely need to quicken the pace at which power is restored," Gov. Bobby Jindal said.

Within hours of returning to his suburban home, Paul Braswell was sweating over an outdoor grill as he cooked the chicken and deer sausage he stored in his freezer alongside gallon-size blocks of ice before evacuating with his family to Mississippi.

"We don't have any power, and we don't know when it'll come back on, so we're going to eat all we can until it does," he said. "Tomorrow, we're boiling shrimp my mom left in her freezer."

Restoring power was critical to reopening schools, businesses and neighborhoods. Without electricity, gas stations could not pump fuel, and hospitals were running out of fuel for generators.

Some places never lost power,

including the Superdome, where the Saints planned to open their regular football season Sunday.

In Jefferson Parish, which also reopened Wednesday, officials reported that most sewage-treatment stations were out of service because there was no power. The parish urged residents not to flush toilets, wash clothes or dishes, or even take showers out of concern that the system might backup and send sewage flowing in home and businesses.

After touring an emergency center and flooded-out farmland, President Bush praised the government response to Gustav as "excellent," but he urged utility companies in neighboring states to send extra manpower to Louisiana if they could spare it.

"One of the key things that needs to happen is that they've got to get electricity up here in Louisiana," Bush said.

The administration's swift reaction was a significant change from its response three years ago to Katrina, a far more devastating storm. Roughly 1,600 people were killed, and the White House was harshly criticized for stepping in too late.

BEAR BRIEFS

Pete Kerr, a first-year law student, will speak at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 120 of the Sheila and Walter Umphrey Law Center about his experiences in Iraq. The event is open everyone.

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Ethan Durelle will play its final performance during The Waco Co-Op at Common Grounds, Friday, after playing together for eight years.

Waco Co-Op to showcase local artists

By Ashley Erikson
Reporter

Eighteen bands will join forces with the Waco art scene and local businesses as a tribute to the Waco community during The Waco Co-Op Show.

The Waco Co-Op show will be a free, all-day event starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Common Grounds.

"Waco Co-Op is a collection of bands that want to work together to promote art and the Waco area," said Colby Crelia, lead singer of James Callihan.

Each band will be allowed a 20- to 30-minute set with a one-hour finale by Ethan Durelle.

James Callihan is one of many featured artists scheduled to play Saturday evening. Crelia and guitar player Paul Mitchell started the group in 2006.

Since then, they have been working on a way to bring back the music scene while helping out the community.

TJ Mclemore, bass guitarist for Ethan Durelle, said inspiration is essential to an artist.

"That's like asking a musician why he needs to eat, it's just what we do," Mclemore said.

When he was younger, Mclemore experimented on his guitar by mixing indie rock with

jazz.

"I listened to Miles Davis and the band Karate, who combines rock with a lot of different styles," he said.

After eight years, he said, the band has decided to explore different things.

"There was no fight, no break up issue, no disagreement," drummer Jeff Weathers said. "We just felt that eight years was long enough."

Both Mclemore and Weathers said their most memorable moment was playing in the Ferrell Center at Welcome Week 2004.

"It was nerve-racking," Mclemore said. "We were still trying to figure out what we were doing in 2004."

Around 4,000 people attended the show and the band played on a million dollar sound system, Weathers said.

"We opened for Audio Adrenaline and hung out backstage, goofing off with friends" he said.

Mclemore and Weathers said the band is not splitting up for good, but taking a break to pursue different things.

"It's just time," they said.

Justin Horrell, a disc jockey and member of three bands that will perform, has no set genre

when it comes to music.

Horrell said he listened to everything from old school hip-hop to '80s pop. Once he began playing music, he fell into punk rock and alternative, but also had a love for jazz.

"Being exposed to different kinds (of music) is what made me fall in love with music," Horrell said.

Horrell said he looks forward to spending time with his friends in the three bands above all.

Yay For Squares will play in its final show Saturday, but Horrell will also be debuting his solo career as DJ Decent.

Reeve Hunter, a member of the original Waco Co-Op, said that he is excited to see the other bands perform.

"It started with a group of friends who just loved to play music," Hunter said. "Now the arts are involved, the community, and all kinds of people who appreciate a wide range of music."

Hunter recalled a children's home he performed at while touring in the summer of 2006 with a band called My Korean Friends.

"If I play a song in front of one or two people I am usually really nervous," Hunter said. "But per-

forming in a show makes it easier to forget about the rest and just have fun playing."

For Tommy Read, vocalist and guitarist for Judas Feet, the Waco Co-Op invitation was a bit "surreal."

"It's an honor, as a sophomore, for the rest of the bands to decide they wanted to help push us forward," Read said.

Read said he listened to a variety of genres growing up, but loved 90s grunge rock, such as Alice In Chains, the most.

Performing is a unique feeling Read said.

"A song is never the same," he said, "Every time you perform, it's a little different."

Additional artists that will perform at the Waco Co-Op include American Dream Drop-outs, Johnny's Body, the Tasty-dactyls and Adeline.

"The bands are on a rotation, but a lot of people are playing on each other's sets," said Mitchell, the show coordinator. "It will be a mix of mostly indie and punk rock with a dash of country and folk music."

Local businesses, such as Food For Thought and Art Ambush, will have information booths set up to show the Waco community what they have to offer.

'Travel' offers beauty but lacks excitement

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment Editor

"The Art of Travel" is filled with breath-taking scenery and a unique underlying concept but, ultimately, it fails in execution, writing and acting.

DVDREVIEW

The story follows Conner Layne, a high school graduate that leaves his almost wedding to travel in Central and South America.

He meets a number of different people, each who teach him something about himself and the countries he's in.

As a coming-of-age tale, the writing falls flat. Other than some cultural awareness and an understanding of the ways of a traveler, Conner doesn't really grow.

Yes, he may no longer be governed by love and convention but he remains the positive, upbeat "gringo" that he is in the beginning of the film.

Just because you learn Spanish over time doesn't stop you from being a tourist.

Other discrepancies in the writing are the sheer unbelievable elements of the story.

Yes, many Central American countries are dangerous and there is a definite possibility of being robbed, but a nice American, who must be loaded because he never works a day in the film, can afford to stay in a nicer area of the country and most likely would.

Conner's situation in the beginning of his travels does set up the rest of the story, but is it necessary to put every cliché there is in the film?

And, sorry boys, but beautiful Dutch tourists don't befriend you that easily.

The majority of the film centered on a 365-day hike through the Darien, a 100-mile-long swampland

and jungle stretching from Panama to Columbia.

Being brought up on stories like that of Jim Elliot, a missionary killed by a South American tribe in Ecuador, I am doubtful that bush tribes deep in the jungle of South America would be that receiving to strangers.

The writing wasn't the only thing I had a problem with in the film.

Although it features some seasoned actors like Christopher Kennedy Masterson (Malcolm in the Middle), Brook Burns (Miss Guided) and Johnny Messner (Running Scared), the acting can't be described as anything but mediocre.

The performances aren't believable.

The only character that was interesting and believable was Anna, Conner's love interest. Unfortunately, her story was touched on, but it had several gaps.

I was somewhat put-off by her character because she was from Prague but her accent sounds more Spanish than Eastern European.

Despite the disappointments in writing and acting, nothing can be taken away from the beautiful locations where the film takes place.

The film was shot entirely on location in Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Bolivia during five weeks. Pretty amazing for the product that was produced.

Throughout the film there are amazing silhouette shots and moments where you really want to buy a plane ticket as soon as possible.

Overall, the film exposes audiences to different worlds and cultures.

It's a film for anyone who loves to travel and likes to imagine what the world would be like if we could just pack our bags and leave, not knowing what will happen next.

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Despite anonymity, O-line base for offense production

By **Brian Bateman**
Sports Editor

Two years ago in Austin, senior running back Paul Mosley rumbled through the Longhorns' secondary for a 56-yard touchdown at the end of the third quarter. The game had long been decided with defending national champion University of Texas firmly in control, but Mosley's run was a clue to one of any offense's best-kept secrets: the offensive line.

"The running back was able to run that far because of what the offensive line did," current Baylor left tackle Jason Smith said.

Along with Smith's position, a left guard, center, right guard and right tackle all constitute the most important five-man roster on the squad.

"You know that you're the heartbeat of the team," Smith said. "The face might get the looks, the mouth might get to sweet-talk the girls. The hair gets the cut, it looks good. (But) what about the heart? It's beating all the time."

As the heartbeat, the line, more than any other group, is responsible for the points on the scoreboard.

"We've got big guys with light

feet," co-offensive coordinator Randy Clements said, who doubles as the offensive line coach. "If we're moving slow, we're going to be slow on offense. If we're moving fast, then the offense will be moving fast."

So why, exactly, is the line so important?

On running plays, the squad's main goal is to push defenders out of the path of the running back, opening holes for the runner to exploit. However, on passing downs, the line has to retreat, allowing the quarterback the time to read the defense, diagnose the coverage and complete the pass to the intended receiver.

"A comfortable quarterback is a well-protected one," freshman quarterback Robert Griffin said. "You don't have to worry about blitzes and can worry about what the safeties and corners are doing."

When a lineman misses a block, however, there is a good chance the offense won't be productive that down. That's why it's essential the line works together.

"It's just like a fight - are you going to fight with your elbow, your fist wide open or a clenched fist?" Smith said, while pointing to his fingers. "There's a center,

two guards and two tackles. You can't go into a fight with your little finger out. With all five linemen working together, that's your clenched fist."

Linemen don't have just one man to guard on each play. Counters, traps, bootlegs and screens all have different blocking assignments, and within each of these, the line has decisions on whether to block high, low, or cut block - taking the defenders low and dropping them to the ground.

After deciding as a group which technique to use, the line has to read the defense for blitzes, determine if any linemen or linebackers are dropping into pass coverage and then decode which players are going to spy - a term for holding a position until the direction of the play is evident.

"I kinda like to talk it up to them a little bit, mess with them," defensive tackle Vincent Rhodes said of his pre-snap strategy. Opposite the 300-pound, and sometimes 400-pound, behemoths, Rhodes and other defenders uses the fact that the offensive line cannot move before the ball is snapped to their advantage.

"Defensive linemen always think they're more athletic than

you," Smith said. "They think that if I do this, then he's going to do this. When you stand there and play step-for-step with them, it's a different game."

Even if the offense's frontline keeps the defense at bay, it's seldom noted to anyone other than the coaching staff. Every other position on the field receives recognition, but the only time an offensive lineman enters into the game transcript occurs when he commits a penalty.

"What we do is very unique because you don't get a lot of credit," Smith said. "The defensive line gets credit. When they get a tackle, they get their name called."

Last year, the line had one of the best years under former head coach Guy Morriss. Under Morriss, the squad used different schemes than they do now.

"We utilize multiple techniques," Clements said. "It's also a fun offense to run."

So far, the Bears' line has performed decently, allowing just one sack, but turnovers and penalties have weakened the other telling stat for linemen - rushing yardage.

"We're OK right now," head coach Art Briles said of the line. "We're definitely not as physical as we need to be."



Alex Song/Lariat Staff
Center J.D. Walton snaps the ball while the offensive line drops to protect the quarterback during the game against Wake Forest at Floyd Casey Stadium, Aug. 28.

Hydration key to avoid heat-related injuries on Bear Trail



Shanna Taylor/Lariat Staff

Senior Laura Marchesani of Kingwood, TX, jogs on the bear trail Wednesday afternoon. With already high temperatures soaring in the late fall, runners must be conscious of the extreme dangers that lie with being physically unprepared for a run around the 2.25-mile track.

By **Garrett Turner**
Sports writer

Trapped by immense heat, producing layer after layer of sweat and forcing the heart's muscles to pound harder and harder after each leg lunges forward, running the Bear Trail gives every Baylor jogger a feeling of freedom.

For Robinson junior Cole David Chandler, this feeling can only be found after a hard run. It gives him a sense of confidence that allows him to move forward through this life of uncertainty, he said.

"When I run it frees my mind so I can think," Chandler said. "I like the way I feel after I run, like I have accomplished something great."

For many Baylor students, a feeling such as this occurs everyday on the Bear Trail. Getting a quick run in before class, relieving stress or dedicating themselves to a rigorous exercise routine, hundreds enjoy the Bear Trail everyday. Among the joys of exercising, there are great perils that, if left unnoticed, can cause heat exhaustion.

With temperatures soaring in the late fall, runners must be conscious of the extreme dangers that lie with being physically unprepared for a run around the 2.25-mile track.

The specific term is heat exhaustion. It is defined by Medline Plus, which is an online medical service provided by the U.S. government, as a "condition marked by weakness, nausea, dizziness and profuse sweating that results from physical exertion in a hot environment." This is common for runners to experience, especially in hot weather climates such as Texas. It is a common element of running that can be easily prevented.

Dr. Darryn Willoughby, Director of the

Exercise and Biochemical Nutrition Laboratory, says the most important thing for a person participating in any form of physical activity, both inside and outside, is that they must be hydrated. If a person is not properly hydrated, the effects are usually uncomfortable and may be fatal.

"When the body is not properly hydrated, you may succumb to heat exhaustion," Willoughby said. Muscles are chiefly comprised of water also. If adequate water levels aren't present, an improper balance of electrolytes may exist. The electrolytes have electrical charges and they are critically important in order for muscles to contract normally."

Henderson junior Macy Phenix, a triathlete and women's club soccer player, experiences heat everyday. If she doesn't properly hydrate throughout the day, the heat affects her performance on the field and throughout her training.

"Even at soccer practice I can feel the heat get to me," Phenix said. "When I haven't drank enough water I feel tired, my mouth gets really dry, and I get cramps in my side."

These symptoms are common symptoms of heat exhaustion, especially the cramps. According to Willoughby, there is a direct correlation between cramps and the amount of water consumed.

"When you are dehydrated the blood volume will decrease, which means you lose the fluid portion of the blood and leave the sold portions in the blood," Willoughby said. "The blood becomes thicker like motor oil and the heart has to work harder to push the thick blood throughout the body."

When the heart works harder, the lungs follow suit, which signals to the brain a feeling of pain through the side, warning you the body is overexerting itself. Proper hydration can prevent this, and the key component is drinking fluids throughout the day

instead of just consuming water right before the physical activity begins.

"If a person waits to ingest fluids once they feel thirsty, it's too late," Willoughby said. "They are already slightly dehydrated. The sensation of thirst is like a fuel gauge in your car. Once the fuel gets too low, a signal goes off in your car the same way your mind signals the sensation of thirst."

Dr. Hope Koch, Professor of Management Information Systems, always properly prepares for her runs. Koch goes over and beyond by taking additional precautions so she doesn't succumb to any form of heat exhaustion.

"I start my long runs at 5 a.m. when the weather is cooler," Koch said. "I carry a fuel belt, which is a belt that holds five different bottles of water, and I drink one every 30 minutes. I also drink Cytomax, which puts the sodium back into my body. I wear light-colored clothing not made out of cotton because the cotton will absorb the sweat."

However, in a busy college student's world, all these precautions may seem extreme, or at least unrealistic. According to Willoughby, the best way to be hydrated before any form of exercise is to drink at least a liter of water every two hours. However, there are more practical and immediate things one can do if they are under any form of heat exhaustion.

"Most of the time if a person removes himself from the situation, relaxes and takes in fluids they will be fine," Willoughby said. "If they continue to progress in the heat, the body will be negatively impacted. However, if they go into some form of exercise properly hydrated they will feel no ill effects unless they are pushing themselves in a way they're not used to."

The Bear Trail may be a path of heat exhaustion for some, but for those prepared and hydrated, it can be a path of freedom.

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about her ability at the convention podium, they needn't have. With her youthful experience as a sportscaster and time spent in the governor's office, her timing was flawless, her appeal to the crowd obvious.

"Our family has the same ups and downs as any other, the same challenges and the same joys," she said as the audience signaled its understanding.

In her solo debut on the national stage, she traced her career from the local PTA to the governor's office, casting herself as a maverick in the McCain mold, and seemed to delight in poking fun at her critics and her ticketmate's political rivals.

Since taking office as governor, she said she had taken on the oil industry, brought the state budget into surplus and vetoed nearly one-half billion dollars in wasteful spending.

"I thought we could muddle through without the governor's personal chef, although I've got to admit that sometimes my kids sure miss her."

Not surprisingly, her best-received lines were barbs at Obama.

"I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities," she said, a reference to Obama's stint as a community organizer.

"I might add that in small towns we don't quite know what to make of a candidate who lavishes praise on working people when they are listening and then talks about how bitterly they cling to their religion and guns when those people aren't," she said.

That was a reference to Obama's springtime observation about some frustrated working-class Americans.

By contrast, she said of

McCain: "Take the maverick out of the Senate. Put him in the White House.

"He's a man who's there to serve his country, and not just his party."

"In politics, there are some candidates who use change to promote their careers," she said in another cutting reference to Obama's campaign theme. "And then there are those, like John McCain, who use their careers to promote change."

A parade of party luminaries preceded Palin to the convention podium, and Republicans packing the hall cheered every attack on Obama.

While she readied the speech of her career, McCain's top strategist, Steve Schmidt, complained about a "faux media scandal," generated, he said, by "the old boys' network that has come to dominate the news establishment."

Little is known nationally of her views, although a video surfaced during the day of a speech she made at her church in June in which she said U.S. troops had been sent to Iraq "on a task that is from God."

Not everyone was quite on message, though.

"I think that Gov. Palin and Sen. Obama do not have extensive experience in government," Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania told reporters. He said she has potential, and judged Obama a "political phenomenon, no doubt about it."

While McCain himself appeals to independents, strategists said they hoped Palin's presence on the ticket would gain a second look from conservative Democrats who sided with New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton during her failed candidacy earlier in the year.



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Keep your eye on the ball

Fort Worth junior Kevin Cho lunges for the ball at the McLean Tennis Courts during an match with a friend on Wednesday.



Alex Song/Lariat Staff

A housekeeper cleans up an empty classroom after school hours in Draper Academic Building on Wednesday.

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on campus, has also been actively involved in the living-wage campaign. They started a petition in March on Staff Appreciation Day.

Dr. Jon Singletary, assistant professor in the Baylor School of Social Work, has supported this cause since 2004.

"We've had some amazing students make this their mission, and we've seen many administrators and members of faculty get involved," Singletary said. "I think they all understand that the Baylor family includes service workers, as well."

Singletary said service jobs have relatively high turnover rates and a higher minimum wage will encourage workers to maintain their jobs and will boost worker morale.

"They work so hard," Sin-

gletary said. "The additional income will also help with their basic costs."

A housekeeping employee said he hadn't heard of the wage changes yet. He asked not to be named because he was told not to talk to students about his income.

"I love my job, and I try to do the best I can at keeping the building nice," he said. "It would be really nice to have some extra money. I have small children, and I would like to take them out to do more fun things and buy things for them."

Plano senior Tyler Yates said he was excited when he heard about the wage increase.

"I think it's really amazing because Baylor didn't have to do that," he said. "I heard that students had been petitioning, and Baylor listened to the students despite going against its best interests."

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