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## Program hops up 11 spots to 12th in nation

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff Writer

Entrepreneur Magazine and Princeton Review named Baylor's entrepreneurship program 12th among undergraduate programs across the nation. Last fall, the program was ranked 23rd.

"The entrepreneurship program has been working very hard the last few years to improve the offerings out there for students, and we are finally beginning to see the results," said Mary Abrahams, associate director for the John F. Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship. "The number of steps we moved up was surprising."

All schools surveyed for the ranking system were evaluated on key elements in the areas of academics and requirements, students and faculty, and outside-the-classroom experiences. Houston University, Xavier University, and Washington State University were among other universities ranked in the top 25.

While success is often measured in terms of money, professors in the Baylor entrepreneurship department try to teach students something more.

"The obvious definition of success is making a lot of money," Abrahams said. "But we want Baylor entrepreneurs to realize that while you can definitely be successful, you must balance that with your family, and church, and things like that. Being successful isn't something you get so caught up in that you let all of that go."

These professors endeavor to show their students that it takes a lot more than money to truly thrive.

"One of the major drivers in this department is not only that students understand the business behind economics, but interesting in having a life of significance," Abrahams said. "Entrepreneurs give back, and we want them to understand that when they make decisions, being significant is as important as being successful."

Significance comes in many forms, said Dr. Bill Petty, the W.W. Caruth Chair of Entrepreneurship. Petty, who was named the national Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year earlier this year, requires that his students read "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," by Stephen Covey.

"It gets them to think about developing and maintaining relationships in their lives," he said. "Whenever you get done with your career, you may have been the most successful financial adviser there is, but if you didn't hold onto those important relationships in your lives, you will be disappointed."

Baylor entrepreneurship program integrates a business education with a Christian background.

"Business is based upon



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Twenty-three-year-old McLennan Community College student and smoker Randall Cook lights up a cigarette Tuesday on the Big O' deck of Geroge's Restaurant. Cook said that he doesn't agree with the ban on smoking in bars.

## Ban works to nip smoking in the 'butt'

Jade Ortego  
Staff Writer

A proposed smoking ordinance strives to ban smoking in all places of employment, with few exceptions. The ordinance would make bars, the last frontier de fumer, smoke-free.

The ban is a proposed strengthening of smoking regulations first passed in Waco in 2002 and, according to Kelly Crain, public information officer of the health district, would forbid smoking within 15 feet of an entrance to a non-smoking facility, including bars.

The 2002 ordinance banned smoking in most public areas, but allowed smoking in bars and designated areas of restaurants with separate ventilation from non-smoking areas. George's Restaurant in Waco, for example, has separate entrances for smoking areas.

The new ordinance was generated by complaints, Craine said,

"We've had lots of people calling in complaining about people smoking in certain areas, in areas they shouldn't smoke," she said.

The board has also been

comparing Waco's smoking ordinances with those of other cities with stronger smoking legislation, like Austin and Wichita Falls, and found that those programs have worked well, she said.

The new measures were written and voted on by the Waco-McLennan County Health District board, which held its last meeting on the topic Sept. 17. The plan will be distributed to the 20 cities in the area for each to review and adopt, reject or modify.

"This is a model ordinance. It's just a recommendation," said Craine.

Each city council will be able to decide how to implement the ordinance. "There's no telling how it will go over in Waco," said Larry Groth, city manager of Waco, who is a member of the board.

"I think it's for the better," said Kyle Stewart, who doesn't smoke. "I have a roommate with asthma who won't go out sometimes because of all the cigar and cigarette smoke," he said.

Local bar employees worry

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## Dining hall supports troops through a week-long event

By Melanie Crowson  
Reporter

They married in May of 2008. That July, he left for advanced training in Georgia, leaving her here in Waco waiting for his safe return.

Tonya Lee is the food service director of Memorial RFOC dining hall. She is also an Army wife.

One day, while brainstorming with PR intern Billy Collins on what they could do for the next Memorial event, Lee and Collins came up with an idea that students and faculty could engage in.

"We try to use these randomly different things to get people out here (to Memorial)," said Billy Collins, a San Antonio senior.

Thus was born the Love the Troops Week - a week-long event in Memorial that began Sept. 22, and gives students and faculty the opportunity to express their

gratitude to soldiers overseas.

Love the Troops Week is just one more element to the goal of getting students to dine in Memorial, but with a twist that hits closer to the heart. Lee's

*"No words can describe... how much these young men and women love their country - they're willing to die for it."*

Tonya Lee  
Food service director of  
Memorial Dining Hall

idea to write to the troops is her way of showing appreciation while also raising awareness for students and the community.

"Honestly, this is something that has personal meaning to me, but we should show our appreciation ongoing," Lee

said. "There is nothing that says (appreciation) more than a personal, hand-written letter to show you sat down and took the time - it means so much more."

Students and faculty may send letters or create care packages to support soldiers from the Waco area.

One 6-yard camouflage sheet for signing and notes has been filled. Lee and Collins have since put out another for signing.

The sheet will be used as a banner for the deployment ceremony in Georgia, which will take place Oct. 31.

Collins said some soldiers never receive anything - letters, pictures or packages - while away at war.

"It won't take no more than five minutes of your time," Collins said. "And it's to do something here to reach out to soldiers overseas from the Waco area."

The Army Family Readiness

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Sarah Morris/Lariat Staff

A flag is displayed in Memorial Dining Hall as part of Love the Troops week, an event put on by the dining hall, in an effort to encourage students to thank those serving in the war.

## Lawmakers question bailout

By Tim Paradis  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Financial markets extended their declines Tuesday as investors worried that lawmakers were beginning to doubt the necessity of a broad government bailout for financial institutions as a way to revive ailing credit markets.

Top economic officials updating Congress about efforts to work out a \$700 billion financial rescue plan faced a greater degree of second-guessing from lawmakers than some investors had expected.

The Dow Jones industrials, which had been higher for the first half of the session ended at the lows of the day, tacking a 161-point loss onto a steep drop from Monday.

Still, trading appeared more orderly than Monday, when investors rushed into hard assets like oil and gold.

Meanwhile, demand remained high for 3-month Treasury bills, considered the safest short-term financial asset, while the dollar regained some ground after being hard hit Monday.

After days of intense gyrations in financial markets,

investors are anxious about whether the plan to absorb bad mortgages and other risky assets will help steer the economy onto more solid footing, and also about resistance to the plan in Congress.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox testified before lawmakers, who are working alongside others in the Bush administration to complete

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Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson testifies Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Banking Committee.





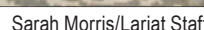
A member of the Baylor Rugby Club practices hitting Tuesday on the fields behind the Baylor Science Building. The club welcomes any interested students to join.

trades opposite its price, fell to 3.80 percent from 3.85 percent late Monday.

The dollar, whose decline Monday drove some of the frenetic trading in other markets, regained some of its lost ground against the euro, while gold prices declined after starting the week with a big advance.

The Dow fell 161.52, or 1.47 percent, to 10,854.17 after having risen more than 125 points in the early going and then falling by more than 180.

With Monday's 370-point decline, the blue chips are down 534 points, or 4.69 percent, for the week.




San Antonio freshman Myles Colbert writes on a banner in Memorial Dining Hall Monday as part of the Love The Troops week. Colbert is a member of Baylor's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and his parents are currently serving in the Air Force.

that muggy old cigarette and beer smell," said Jason Gilley, a 21-year-old Austin Community College student who says he hates Austin's smoking ban. "A bar just isn't a bar if it's clean-smelling. It's part of the atmosphere," he said.

With the new proposed ordinance, private residences must be non-smoking if they act as daycares.

Smoking is permitted in retail tobacco establishments and 25 percent of motels/hotel rooms, which must be designated as smoking areas.



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# Griffin's freshman mistake should be overlooked

Freshman Robert Griffin has brought glamour and excitement to Baylor football. After 12 straight years with a losing record ('95-'07) and five coaching changes, things are finally starting to look up for the football program.

After a disappointing loss Friday night, many people may look at that loss as Griffin's inability to finish the game. Critics need to give him a little credit because he's done a lot more for this football program than any other player has in the last decade.

Down by three points in the fourth quarter, Griffin marched the Baylor offense from its 20-yard line all the way to Con-

necticut's 39-yard line. After pressure from the Huskies' defense, Griffin was force to unsuccessfully improvise. On fourth-and-11, Griffin threw a pass intended for Kendall Wright. By the time the pass was broken up, Baylor's chance to win the game had disappeared. Griffin was trying to force a pass to a reliable receiver that could make a play. Blanketed by two Husky defensive backs, it was impossible for Wright to have a chance at that ball. That was a freshman mistake that should easily be forgotten when compare to his other accomplishments.

Griffin was 14-for-25 for 208 yards with three touchdowns

## point of view

BY GARRETT TURNER



and rushed for 46 yards and a touchdown. Griffin's productivity kept the Bears in the ball game and gave them a chance to come up with the win. It would be a mistake not to mention the excellent effort from the defensive and offensive line in the game, but it was obvious Griffin was the play-maker for the Bears.

The best part about the last play is that it happened in Griffin's third official start. Griffin has already put up huge numbers this year as a freshman. It's very possible Baylor's football program will get to keep him for all four years. Griffin brings attention to the program, and he'll be what makes this team successful in the future.

This season, Baylor football games have already been nationally televised twice. Baylor's next game, against Oklahoma, will be on Fox Sports Network, A third broadcast that will give the Baylor football program much needed and deserved national recogni-

tion. They don't put the Bears on ESPN or FSN because the equipment managers look good in high definition. They put the Bears on TV because we have become interesting and competitive.

This season the Bears return eight starters on offense and six starters on defense. That means 14 out of 22 positions are filled from the same player's as last year. The executives at ESPN and FSN want their networks to run something that will generate advertising dollars or something that will catch a lot of people's attention. They didn't look at our team last year and say, "There is a football team that we should put

on our networks." They noticed a change in coaching, a change in attitude and a change in talent. Who doesn't want to see a freshman quarterback take a struggling program and make it competitive for the first time in 12 seasons?

For all that Griffin has given the football team, his mistake Friday night should be something from which he learns. Critics should look to the future for what Griffin's success will bring Baylor and don't dwell in the past.

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## Editorial

# Ceremony changes are necessary

Last week, Baylor announced a third commencement ceremony for the spring semester.

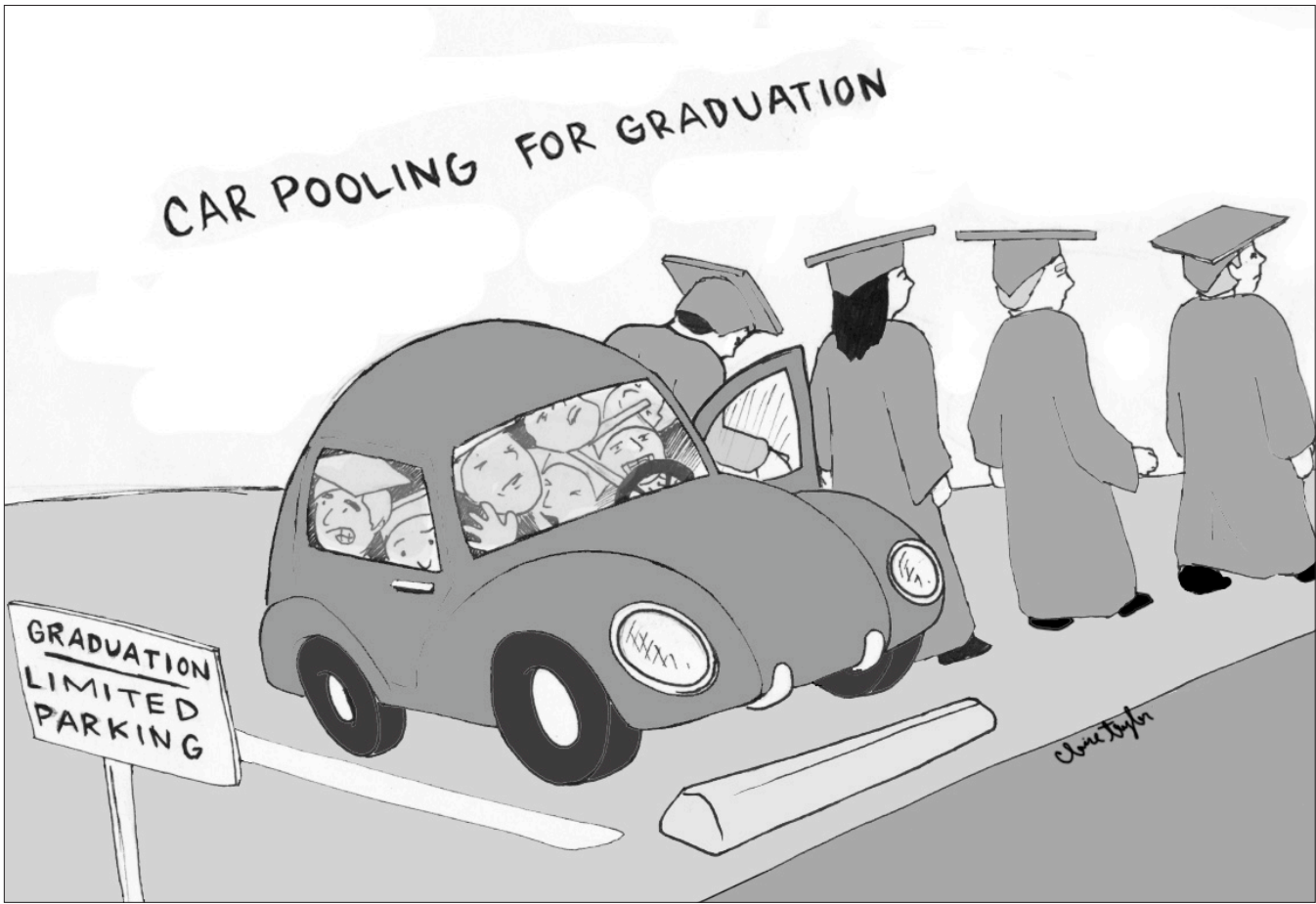
It's with good cause, too. For the past four years, Baylor has accepted a far greater number of students than in previous years. Due to that increase, the senior class average size has grown as well. Last year, every graduating senior was encouraged not to bring more than 10 guests, but Baylor did not enforce a limit for family, friends and relatives.

If the roughly 2,000 students expected to graduate in May bring 10 guest each, that is a possible 22,000 people for two events - twice the capacity of the Ferrell Center. The maximum capacity is 10,284.

Although not every student brought 10 guests to the event last year, it still was a crowded fiasco. Everyone had seating, but there were very few open seats, which could have become an issue if just a few more guest had attended.

The Ferrell Center's largest crowd for a basketball game was 10,496 against the University of Texas in 2002. For basketball, all seats are open, but during commencement, three entire sections were blocked off for graduates, faculty and the stage last year. Roughly 500 seats are added to the floor, but the floor seating is not enough to cancel the loss of the three sections, which hold around 2,000 seats.

Compared to other schools in Texas, Baylor's struggles are an average sight. Southern Methodist University and TCU, both similar in size to Baylor, currently have just two ceremonies, with SMU's Moody Coliseum holding 9,000 and TCU holding 8,500 at its graduat-



ing center. Texas A&M University, which is roughly twice as large as Baylor, has three ceremonies in Reed Arena, which has a capacity of 12,500 spectators. The University of Texas has 12 ceremonies at two locations, but that includes both undergraduates and graduates. The Frank Erwin Center holds 16,755 and Gregory Gym holds 4400.

However, every university listed except SMU and Baylor has an acceptable parking plan. Baylor's lot adjacent to the Turner Riverfront Complex regularly fills when both softball and baseball are playing.

When there is a basketball game on campus, cars not only fill the parking lot, but line both sides of Daughtrey Avenue and nearly fill the parking garage near the Baylor Sciences Building. Baylor had thought about limiting the number

of entrants into the Ferrell Center to help alleviate overcrowding of parking, but decided against it in favor of having three ceremonies.

The third ceremony should alleviate the trouble that Baylor has faced previously. The parking lot will undoubtedly be full, but the exit time won't be the hour-and-a-half, as it was for some last year. There won't be as much of a necessity to limit guests. Also, a shorter ceremony will be a welcome attribute, as fewer students will be crossing the stage for each event.

However, as graduation is spread over the entire weekend, travel will become more of an issue. The first ceremony begins Friday morning, which would make for an early flight or drive for out-of-town guests. Also, those guests hoping to attend multiple people's graduations

will be forced to spend more money, time and effort finding available hotels in Waco; a tough situation for most weekends, much less graduation. Anyone trying to find hotel rooms in Waco during a Baylor football or basketball home game knows how difficult that is.

If Baylor still wants to further reduce crowding, it could add another feature. Currently, Baylor places the stage along the end of the court, which has cut off nearly 2,000 seats. Although a better option is to place the stage lengthwise, using only half of the stadium, it still keeps possible seating from being used. Another solution would be to place the stage in the middle with seating all around, similar to a round-box theatre.

The third ceremony is a welcome change because it solves some of the problems experienced in past years.

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# Price changes in vending machine snacks causes inconvenience

I start my day like most students at Baylor University. I have a minor heart attack to the sound of my alarm and abuse the snooze button once or twice or five times before slowly climbing out of the nest of blankets and pillows I somehow formed in my sleep.

After I get up, I shower and get dressed by blindly grabbing from the "clean" pile of clothes. Then I set out on my frantic scavenger hunt and attempt to track down essential items for everyday survival - my wallet, cell phone, keys and, of course, Burt's Bees.

I do what seems to be a lot at eight in the morning, but what I don't do everyday is guess how many quarters, nickels and dimes

I am going to need for my 12:05 lunch break.

The recent change in the prices of strategically placed food dispensers around Baylor's campus has added an item to my morning to-do list, which is never fully accomplished anyway.

What are these strategically placed food dispensers? Only the greatest step forward in convenient food accessibility: vending machines.

The price for a bottled soda is now \$1.25, and for a can of soda, the machine demands 75 cents.

While I'm nowhere near a legitimate authority in economics or what the prices of products should be, I am pretty sure that

## point of view

BY DAVID POE



the purpose of vending machines is convenience. How convenient is it to have to search the unexplored depths of my backpack for that one piece of coinage that separates me from my theoretically convenient treat?

I love vending machines and the treats they dispense. I hate weird prices.

As a loyal Baylor student and temporary resident of Waco, I

do my duty in drinking my fair share, and maybe someone else's share, of Dr Pepper. Seriously, I love Dr Pepper.

As much as I love it, I don't ever bring a bottle or can with me to class. I turn to the near-omnipresent machines that depict a larger-than-life can of my beloved 23-flavored drink.

When bottles of soda were still \$1, my fellow Baylor students and I were able to conveniently reach into our pockets and trade a George Washington for the soda of our choice. But today the giant Dr Pepper has become greedy, and now demands two different types of Washingtons (dollar bill and quarter) of us.

Like most people, I keep a credit card on me and maybe some cash, but I don't like keeping change in my pockets: too jingly. My keys do enough jingling for the both of my pockets.

Okay, so pricing everything at a dollar probably doesn't make sense. But I think we can all agree that it is just not fun having to determine which combination of nickels, dimes and quarters helps us obtain our treat of choice.

If those who control the price of vending machine products really have a fantastic time retrieving and counting coins, they should seriously consider allowing pennies to be used in vending machines.

The only thing I hate more than a party of loose change in my pocket is a party of pennies. They are nothing more than an inconvenience and a nuisance. Don't believe me? Try buying something entirely with pennies.

So maybe my complaint isn't really that the prices of snacks and drinks have gone up, but that because of this change, the inherently convenient vending machine with its conveniently priced products is no longer convenient.

Or, in the spirit of our beloved Board of Regents, we could raise everything to 2 dollars.

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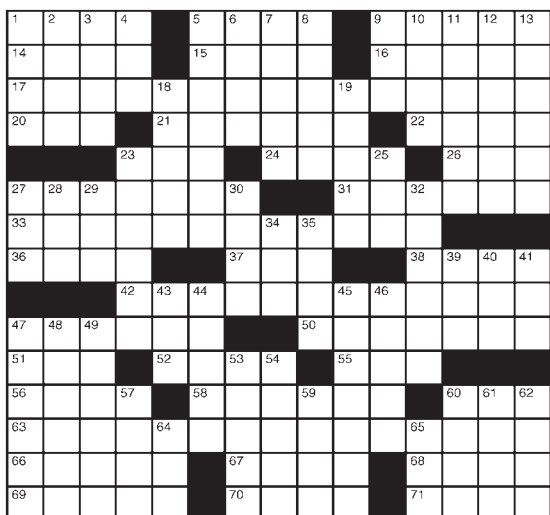
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# Students juggle funding options to pay college tuition

Alex Maxwell  
Reporter

Since the school year is now underway, many students have come to terms with the task of financing college, a reality a recent Gallup study sought to put into perspective.

Sallie Mae, a higher-education planning company, teamed up with Gallup, the nation's leading research organization, to develop the first mathematically representative picture of how the average American family pays for college.

Gallup worked with parents and students during 2007 and 2008 to gather details on various methods used to pay for college

tuition and related expenses.

According to the Gallup study, "How America Pays for College," an average four-year state university costs \$13,706 and a four-year private university costs \$27,679.

These high costs have forced students to turn to a combination of methods to finance their education.

Scholarships, loans, student income, parent income and federal grants are the most common means of funding, according to the study.

As tuition rises, Baylor students are likely to face greater financial strain.

The study concluded how an average American family pays

for college, but the picture can differ from family to family.

The most common source for funding college was parents' current income, which accounted for an average of half of a student's total tuition, according to the study. Seven out of ten families used non-borrowed sources to fund college, including current income, savings and scholarships.

Houston senior Jenny Liro is one of the students who uses non-borrowed sources to fund college.

"My parents set up a college fund when I was born and they added to it for 18 years," said Liro.

The study found that 37 per-

cent of college students and 46 percent of parents of college students did not eliminate schools because of the costs at any stage of the application and college selection process.

Allen senior Steven Schildt said his decision to come to Baylor was not affected by financial issues and he didn't want financial issues to play a role in choosing his education.

Some students, like Plano senior Vic Oke, face college funding issues on their own.

"I took more loans this year than last year, so that I had more money to live with," Oke said.

The survey also noted that the method American families used to pay for college varied

depending on their income levels. Higher-income families reported spending more for college, averaging more than \$21,000.

Families of students at private institutions spent more using nearly all funding sources. According to the study, students at private institutions had access to an average of \$5,750 more grant and scholarship money than public university students.

Oke said he uses a combination of scholarships, loans and money that he earned working, to pay for his education.

Federal student loans remain the top source of loans used to pay for education, according to

the study.

No matter the income level of family or students, paying for higher education is an expensive investment.

The study suggested students feel they make enough money in their career to be able to pay off loans and debt.

According to the study, 41 percent of respondents did not consider their student's expected income when making borrowing decisions.

Clint senior Tressa Cook said she really likes Baylor, but that the cost is outrageous. She is using some aid, but mostly private loans, she said.

"After graduation it's going to be brutal," Cook said.

## New pre-law council seeks to strengthen program curriculum

By Jacqueline Deavenport  
Reporter

Preparing for and submitting an application to law school is an extensive and daunting process, and when it comes to assisting pre-law students, Baylor is raising the bar.

The Pre-Law Advisory Council, created in May 2008, works to meet the growing informational needs of undergraduate pre-law students.

In recent semesters, a number of students have expressed an interest in attending law school after graduation. Members of the Baylor faculty from different departments joined together to form the council.

This semester, 516 students are currently enrolled and have indicated they are pre-law, said Dr. Sinda Vanderpool, co-chair of the Pre-Law Advisory Council along with assistant provost Tiffany Hogue.

Just like pre-med, pre-law is not a major. It is a pre-professional track that identifies to advisers a student's interest in attending law school after graduation.

Students can pursue any major and declare themselves a pre-law student. There are no required classes on the pre-law track, and it is not a stringent curriculum.

Approximately 150 students attended the last pre-law social, sponsored by the department of economics on Sept. 11.

The Pre-Law Advisory Council sponsored presentations for high school seniors during Fall Premiere and last summer, and the council gave presentations during orientation for incoming freshman.

Kevin Giddens, a first-quarter law student at Baylor Law School and recent Baylor graduate, came to Baylor as an undergraduate to study speech communications and political science with the intention of going to law school after graduating.

Giddens said while he felt the curriculum at Baylor prepared him to think like he needed to think for law school, at the time, Baylor's resources weren't adequate in helping him go through the law school application process.

"Knowing what's going on is key in law school," Giddens said. "It's not how smart you are. At a certain point, everyone is going to be the same. The process is about how prepared you are," Giddens said.

Baylor has a quality undergraduate curriculum and also has students who can compete with other applicants applying to top-tier law schools, Giddens said. Ignorance about the application process, however, and not being in the information loop, put Baylor applicants at a disadvantage, Giddens added.

"I want Baylor to have a program similar to the pre-law programs in the top-ten schools," Giddens said. "There's a reason why top-ten schools turn out the best law applicants, because they are walked through the process for three years."

The Pre-Law Advisory Council has submitted a request to create a director of pre-law position at Baylor. The director of pre-law would be a position solely dedicated to researching and keeping up to date with current developments that prepare students for law school.

In the past, it has been up to faculty to dedicate their spare time assisting and advising pre-law students.

The Pre-Law Advisory Council is still in its infancy, however,

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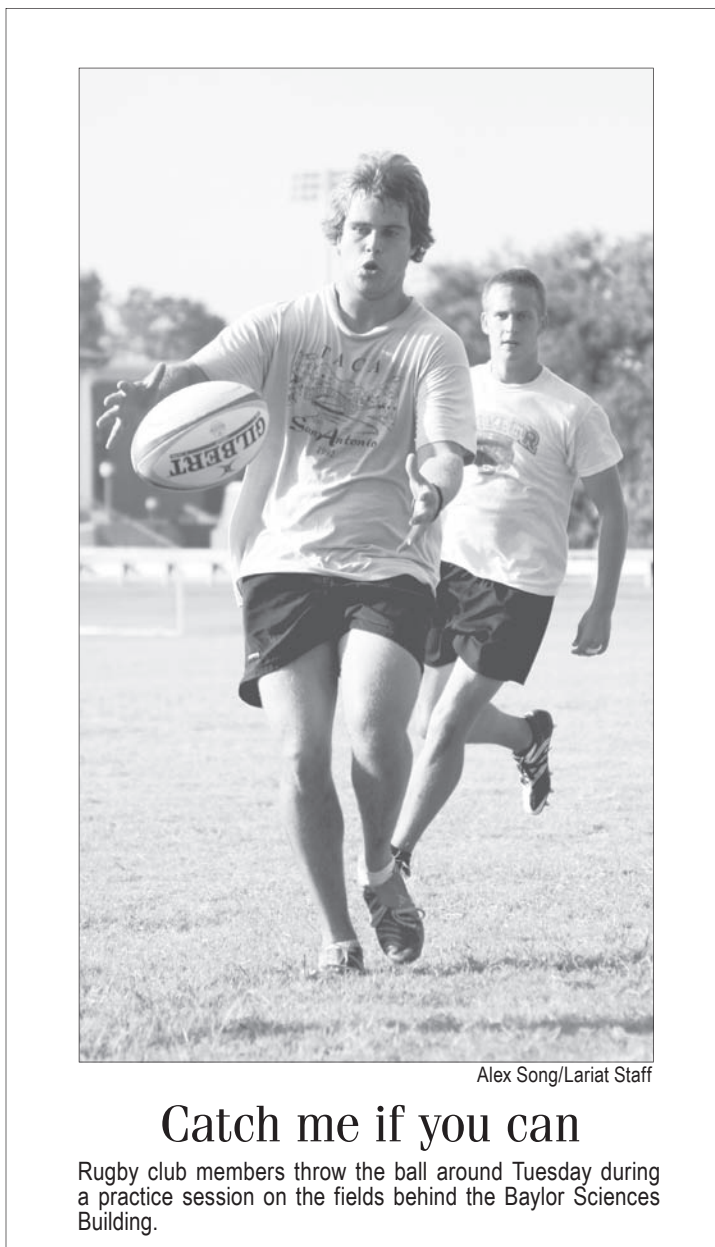
in the future, the council aims to provide services to aid pre-law students preparing for the application process.

"Ideally, we'd like to host topic-specific events, such as how to prepare for the LSAT, how to ask for a letter of recommendation, how to write a personal statement, how to decide if law school is right for you, and how to decide what law schools you should apply to," Hogue said.

The purpose of the council is to gather and disseminate information, Hogue said.

Currently, resources are available for pre-law students attending Baylor. The Pre-Law Advisory Council hosts a Web site that provides a timeline, a list of contacts who are members of the council and guidelines to assist students.

Also, Baylor has a chapter of the pre-law fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta. For more information on the Pre-Law Advisory Council, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/prelaw>.



Alex Song/Lariat Staff

### Catch me if you can

Rugby club members throw the ball around Tuesday during a practice session on the fields behind the Baylor Sciences Building.

## Denim Dash to sell popular jeans for charity

By Arielle Cayia  
Reporter

Kappa Alpha Theta's Denim Dash event is back for a second semester. New high-quality jeans will be sold at a discounted price from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the Kappa Alpha Theta room of the Stacy Riddle Forum.

Charity Denim, a non-profit organization, helps colleges across the country put on the event in order to raise money for the philanthropy of different groups.

Designer jeans are bought from Overstock.com and sold at the event.

Brands of jeans available will be, "True Religion, Seven Jeans, Citizen — everything you would find at a good designer store but at a lower price for charity," said Katie Marley, Natchitoches, La., senior and member of the philanthropy committee of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Kappa Alpha Theta will retain ten percent of the money raised and donate those proceeds to Court Appointed Special Advocates.

CASA is a program which provides representatives for abused children.

The representatives are volunteers who are trained to advocate the best interests of

abused and neglected children in court.

Since the founding of the advocate group, the volunteers have helped more than a million children find safe and permanent homes.

More than 50,000 volunteers are currently serving in 948 offices nationwide.

There are 180 members in the Baylor chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta and most will be in attendance.

Members of the group said they hope there will be a lot of outside interest.

"We are hoping for a great turn-out," said Jacqueline Alvarenga, Houston senior and phi-

lanthropy chair for Kappa Alpha Theta.

The event is open to Baylor students and faculty, and also the Waco community. Kappa Alpha Theta anticipates attendance of 150 to 200 people.

Last semester was the first time Kappa Alpha Theta put on Denim Dash and they achieved the second-highest, first-time sale of almost \$3,000, just behind Texas Christian University.

The room set-up will be the same as last semester, with the portrayal of a retail-store environment in the Kappa Alpha Theta room. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

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