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Freshmen get \$300 to retake SAT

University offers monetary incentives, possible scholarship for scores showing marked improvement

By Liz Foreman and Ashley Corinne Killough
Asst. City Editor and Staff Writer

Baylor offered the class of 2012 a \$300 Baylor Bookstore credit and potential scholarship incentives to retake the SAT in June, after they were already

accepted and enrolled.

An e-mail sent in June to incoming freshmen stated that students who chose to retest would automatically receive a \$300 credit to the bookstore.

If a student scored 50 points or higher on the retest, they received an additional \$1,000 a year to their scholarship package.

They had the option of retesting on June 7, a national testing day, or taking the Baylor Residual SAT on campus at another designated time in June or during orientation.

The Baylor Residual SAT was

unique in that a student's score could only be used at Baylor and could not be transferred to other universities.

If the student's SAT score improved enough to qualify them for a higher merit-based scholarship, the student would receive that scholarship instead of just the \$1000 award, according to the e-mail.

Of the 861 students who retested this summer, 151 students improved their score by at least 50 points and received the \$1,000 scholarships.

By May 1, the deposit deadline for the entering freshman

class, the average SAT score fell at around 1200, said Dub Oliver, vice president of Student Life. After the residual scores were measured this summer, the average improved to 1210.

The 2007 entering freshman class had an SAT average of 1219, the highest ever in Baylor's history, and the 2006 entering class had an average of 1213.

High school seniors have always had the option of retaking the SAT to increase their score and receive more financial aid, Oliver said.

In past years, however, the

window for retesting was shorter. According to the admissions Web site, the original cut-off date for retesting was February 15, 2008.

Jackie Diaz, assistant vice president for student financial services, said that as Baylor began accelerating the application process to offer financial aid awards earlier, students sent in their most recent SAT scores, which they might have taken during their junior year of high school and may not be an accurate assessment of their knowledge upon enrollment.

"We decided it would be a

good opportunity, given that many of these students had tested early," she said. "Certainly there's a lot of information they're going to gain in their junior and senior year of high school, so we allowed these students to retest."

Because the students, this year's freshmen class, had already graduated from high school when the e-mail was sent in June, Diaz said the \$300 incentive was offered to encourage them to take advantage of the testing.

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New firm to hire chief of investments

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

The president's office announced Thursday the selection of Heidrick & Struggles, a national executive search firm, to help find a candidate for the position of chief investment officer.

Charlie Wall currently serves as interim CIO after Jonathan Hook, former associate vice president and CIO, left at the end of July to accept the same position at Ohio State University.

Using its database and connections, the firm will seek candidates according to Baylor's position description and present its recommendations to the Baylor CIO search committee.

After six weeks of interviewing and narrowing down firms, Bud McGregor, associate vice president for budget, said Baylor made its final decision on Heidrick & Struggles last week.

"It's considered one of the top executive search firms and has particular expertise in the financial area," McGregor said.

With more than 50 years of experience and office locations in more than 60 cities worldwide, Heidrick & Struggles ranked the highest out of 30 leading search firms in a 2000 Wall Street Journal survey.

Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance, said the firm will first provide the committee with a "long list" of candidates for review, which will then be narrowed down to a list of names for phone interviews. After deciding which candidates to bring in for on-campus interviews, the committee will make recommendations to Interim President David Garland.

While hiring a search firm isn't a typical requirement for filling administration positions, Ramsower said the CIO holds a critical role.

"This person manages a billion dollar endowment," Ramsower said. "Baylor wants to hire an investment professional who has had experience managing the kind of diverse portfolio of investments the Baylor endowment constitutes."

Ramsower said the search committee hopes to have the position filled by Spring 2009.

"When the chosen candidate actually starts working depends on that individual's circumstances," Ramsower said.

Dr. Dennis Prescott, vice president for development, said the development office works with the investment office in making sure donations made with marketable securities are handled according to the requests of the donors.

"When people think about making gifts to the endowment, they want confidence that it will be invested wisely," Prescott said. "It's important for development to have a good understanding of the work the

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Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Understanding the Financial Mortgage Crisis panel discussion was held Thursday afternoon in Kayser Auditorium in the Hankamer School of Business. Five business professors offered their advice and tried to give attendants a better understanding of the current financial situation. The auditorium was standing room only.

Dow takes another plummet

By Tim Paradis
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Stocks plunged in the final hour of trading Thursday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 675 points, or more than 7 percent, to its lowest level in five years after a major credit ratings agency said it was considering cutting its rating on General Motors Corp.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index also fell more than 7 percent.

The declines came on the anniversary of the closing highs of the Dow and the S&P. The Dow has lost 5,585 points, or 39 percent, since closing at 14,198 a year ago. The S&P 500, meanwhile, is off 655 points, or 42 percent, since recording its high of 1,565.15.

Thursday's sell-off came as Standard & Poor's Ratings Services put GM and its finance affiliate GMAC LLC under review to see if its rating should be cut. GM has been struggling with weak car sales in North America.

The action means there is a 50 percent chance that S&P will lower GM's and GMAC's ratings in the next three months.

S&P also put Ford Motor Co. on credit watch negative. The ratings agency said that GM and Ford have adequate liquidity now, but that could change in 2009.

GM led the Dow lower, falling \$2.15, or 31 percent, to \$4.76, while Ford fell 58 cents, or 22 percent, to \$2.08.

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Economic panelists take on financial disaster

Professors help to clarify economic issues, calm nerves and provide practical insight

By Jacqueline Deavenport
Reporter

It was standing room only in Kayser Auditorium where students, faculty and staff gathered Thursday afternoon for a panel discussion on the nation's economy sponsored by the economic department.

Five professors from Baylor's Hankamer School of Business provided perspectives and advice about the current financial and mortgage crisis facing the United States.

"I think today's program will go a long ways to help us understand many of the issues of what our nation faces in these trying economic times," said Dr. Mark Dunn, associate dean of the Hankamer School of Business.

Dr. Gia Chevis, assistant professor of accounting, discussed "mark-to-market" accounting procedures. She confronted some of the misconceptions being disseminated as causes of the credit crisis that relate to the mark-to-market economy and prices in general.

Myth No. 1, Chevis said, was that the current credit crisis wasn't foreseen. The data was available to everyone, and heeded by some financial institutions.

"Some people did see it coming and managed to pull out in time," Chevis said. "In October 2006, JP Morgan Chase started pulling out of sub-prime because the data they were seeing suggested that the risks they were taking on were not worth the fees they were getting."

Myth No. 2, Chevis said, is that "new" mark-to-market economy was to blame. Myth No. 3 is that a solution to the

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Changes to complex FAFSA form to simplify process

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

Efforts to make the financial aid process easier on students are under way nationally.

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings delivered a speech at Harvard University last week that outlined her plan for the simplification of the process.

If the plan succeeds in Congress, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, which now contains more

than 100 questions, would be cut down to 26. "I have been a strong proponent for drastic simplification of the FAFSA for some time now," said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the financial aid Web site finaid.org. "But cutting it would require some changes in the underlying formula as well."

The complexity of the FAFSA has proven to be a significant hurdle students are getting tired of jumping.

"Efforts to simplify the FAFSA will help many families, espe-

cially those with first-generation college students who have never been through the process," said Martha Holler, spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, the nation's leading provider for student loans.

But Kantrowitz said it will take more than just eliminating one page of the form to make a radical difference.

"More than one-third of students don't even apply for financial aid," he said. "This is a long, intimidating and very intrusive form. Cutting it by just one page is not going to make a difference.

We need to make this process as easy as possible for students."

Kantrowitz said he asked for a list of the questions that would be eliminated if Spellings' plan succeeds, but has yet to receive one.

Not only is financial aid the leading factor in a student's decision to attend college, but it is also a major player in the success rate.

"The number one reason students drop out of college is money," Kantrowitz said. "Reports came out in Septem-

ber of 2006 that showed that more than 300,000 low-income, college-capable students didn't achieve Bachelor's degrees. Financial aid is a very significant factor in whether students succeed."

Students who depend on financial aid to finance their Baylor education see the advantages of shrinking the size of the FAFSA.

"It's kind of a pain; I had to keep re-doing questions over and over again because they were never satisfied," said Los

Angeles sophomore Josh Smith. "They gave me money though, so I can't complain too much. But I do think if the process could still be done effectively with the number of questions cut down, that would be great."

Spellings has been working with Congress on how to best simplify the FAFSA, but in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Congress chose to add seven new questions to the form.

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Balance is needed in busy, stressful student life

How coincidental that today, World Mental Health Day, falls right before mid-terms, a time when our blood runs thin with caffeine and our brains feel like fried circuits.

But at Baylor, every week seems like mid-term week. Not necessarily because of the coursework, but because any given student is likely involved in 627 different activities, each with its own obligations.

If the student body had a to-do list, it would be bulleted with jobs, organization meetings, sports, honors programs, Pigskin, grad school applications, Greek life and service — just to name a few.

Actual studying is sidelined, thanks to the pressures and demands of these resume-builders.

Ask a Baylor student “How are you?” and the response will come in one of three answers: the polite, obligatory “good,” the forcedly optimistic “busy,” or the sadly more frequent “tired.”

For most, the day typically starts at 8 a.m. and ends around 10 p.m. And for the truly motivated students, the day continues on into the dark, silent hours of the night. That time between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m.—when the fourth cup of coffee loses hold and the delirious thoughts kick in — that’s the time of night when the mental health begins to fade.

That’s the time of night when you feel you’re losing your mind, asking yourself how in the world things got to this point. You think thoughts of hate toward school, toward everything.

The ability to form a coherent

point of view



BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

ent sentence escapes you, and you realize you just read that last paragraph eight times in a row. You draw up plans of a time machine, wondering seriously if there’s a way to fast forward to graduation. You count down the days, the hours, the minutes, until Christmas break.

Not only do busy schedules lead to crazy thought process, but to damaging self-assessments, as well. We fall prey to feelings of failure after tasking ourselves with the impossible

goal of achieving perfection in all we do. Inadequacy replaces confidence, driving us into more exhausting cycles of working harder, while still maintaining a theme of self-criticism.

We beat ourselves up both physically and mentally. It seems irrational, but it’s a reality I see not only in my own life but in the lives of the majority of students I know or have met.

Being well-rounded is essential, and we’re blessed to attend a school that offers an impressive amount of opportunities to do so. I’m proud to be surrounded by so many successful, determined people, whose resilience inspires me daily and whose endurance encourages my own fortitude.

But all this comes at a cost. And unfortunately that price is

paid in what seems the easiest thing to push aside — health.

Exercising and eating right can be challenging at times, but with some discipline and accountability, they are things that can be routinely established.

Maintaining an emotional balance, however, is more difficult. It requires an openness with self, a willingness to accept non-perfection. It begs for a forgiving spirit of the times we think we’re letting ourselves down, of the times we think we’re not doing enough. And occasionally, it calls for a slight surrender. We might have to give up something to gain more stability.

We’re always going to have stress. We’re always going to be busy. So we might as well learn now, while we’re still young, how

to manage that stress and live the fullest, most productive lives in the least costly way.

The university offers several outlets for dealing with mental and emotional health, which can be found on the Counseling Center’s Web site. Or even just expressing your anxieties and worries to a close friend or family member can help enormously. Some choose more private options, such as journaling or meditation.

With all the juggles of college life, we’ve already proved to be masters of multi-tasking. It’s time, for our futures’ sake, to become benefactors of balance.

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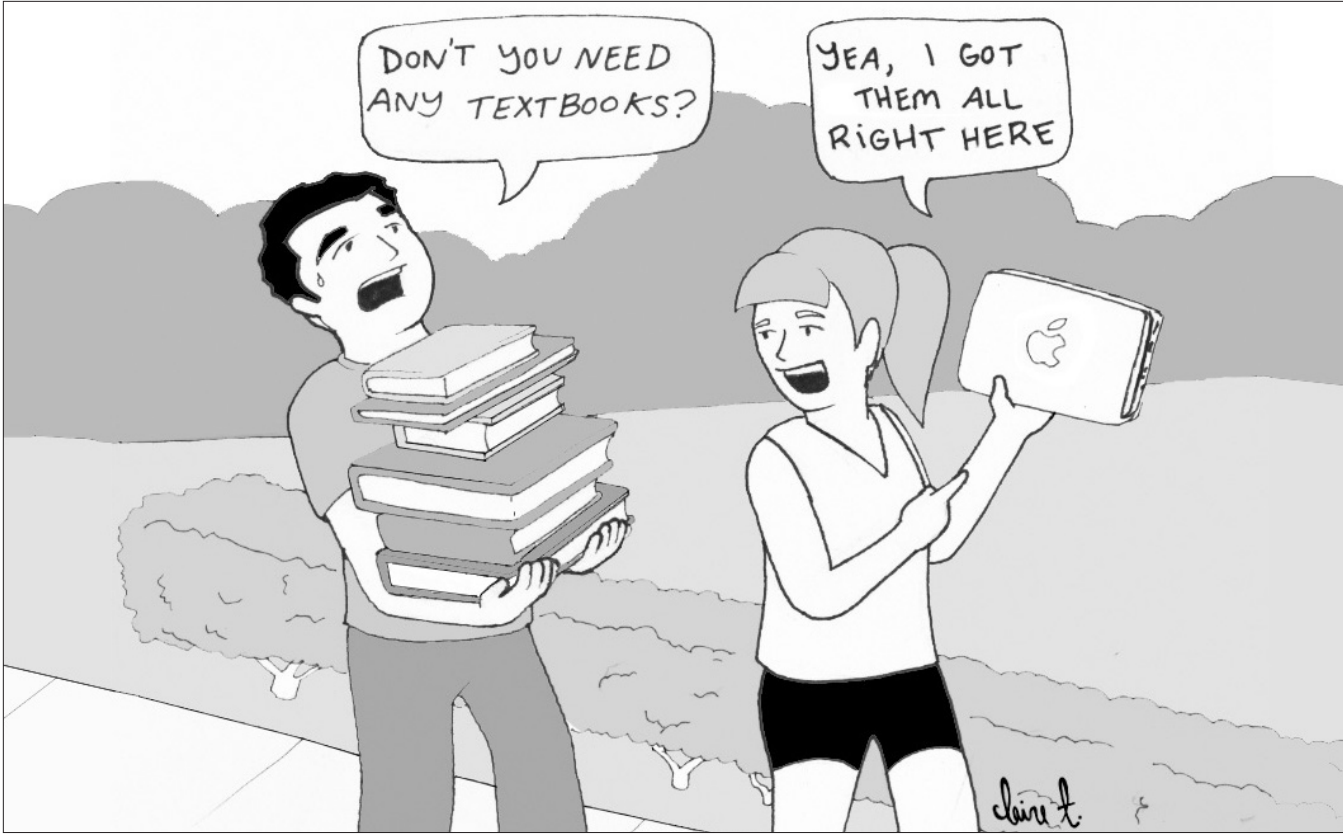
Editorial

Digital books can provide convenience

Students greatly value convenience and economical prices, but, unfortunately, the two usually don’t go hand-in-hand. The most convenient option tends to be the most expensive option.

But students at some universities don’t have to pick between affordability and convenience when it comes to textbooks. What may seem like a hassle (books are heavy and a chore to drag around campus) and a great expense (with textbook prices ever-increasing) is neither for students at universities that use digital media as an alternative to textbooks. Efforts to digitize learning materials, an undertaking at Baylor and other universities such as The University of Texas and Princeton, are commendable, but there’s a lot more to be done in order for students to feel the full advantages of digital books and resources.

One exemplary pioneer of digital learning is The University of Texas at Austin. In what the university is calling a “beta test,” about 1,000 students in certain classes will be required to access textbooks digitally, according to an article on Insidehighered.com. In an opinion piece that appeared in The New York Times, Michael Granof, Ernst and Young Professor of Accounting at UT-Austin, proposed a model in which professors would pick digital textbooks and the university would work with the publisher to establish a lump fee the university would incur for each student’s access to the digital textbooks. Assumably, the university would then pass this digital textbook fee onto students. The article



prompted publisher Wiley and Pearson to contact UT-Austin to negotiate a deal. The publisher hasn’t established a price yet, but UT anticipates that students will pay a per-book fee of as little as \$25 to have access to the digital textbook, the article on Insidehighered.com reported. Students in UT’s pilot program would be able to download the digital textbook or access it online. These students will be able to request a printed and bound copy of the book from the campus store if they prefer to have a hardcopy of the textbook. This route would cost students a fee of roughly \$20 to \$40. These options are affordable and convenient, giving students more flexibility than the requirement that they purchase a certain book.

Princeton also has stepped up efforts to go digital, with their university press selling several books as Kindle e-books. Kindle, introduced by Amazon.com, is a portable device that allows readers to

download e-books and read them digitally on the device. Although the going rate for a Kindle is \$350, the device could easily pay for itself in savings. Kindle e-books cost about \$10 per book, according to kindle.amazon.com. Digitization efforts are evident here at Baylor, too. Oct. 3 marked the dedication of the Ray I. Riley Digitization Center in Moody Library. Baylor’s digital collection includes books, maps, audio recordings, all of which are available for research by Baylor students and faculty. This will undoubtedly make materials more conveniently accessible — students and faculty members won’t have to delicately sift through deteriorating texts or risk overplaying analog tapes. Instead they could access these materials online. Baylor has a superb digital collection of books and, as evidenced in the expansion of the digitization center, is committed to increasing their efforts in this area.

Dr. Dwight Russell, associate professor

of physics here at Baylor, didn’t require his Descriptive Astronomy class to purchase a textbook this semester. Instead, students are directed to a variety of online resources. Russell said he did this to help instill in students a knowledge of the multitude of educational astronomy resources. Russell also said government entities, such as NASA, make it possible to form a astronomy curriculum solely from free digital resources. And while it’s too soon, he said, to know if this method is benefiting astronomy students or if he’ll use the same model again next year, we should applaud Russell for saving students money and by setting up a curriculum that doesn’t necessitate a bulky book.

Universities are a place for exploring new theories and experimenting with hypotheses, and it’s only fitting that universities be the forerunners of digitizing books and other documents for educational purposes.

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Faculty and staff should reflect the diversity of student population

As a young Hispanic woman striving to become a productive, educated member of society, I am proud to say that I am representing my ethnicity here on the Baylor campus.

I am grateful for all of the kindness that Baylor and its faculty have bestowed upon me and am reminded of it every day.

I am also happy to be able to identify well with some of my professors, a few of which have become my most trusted mentors; a few others I work well with mainly because we share a commonality that reaches far beyond just academics — culture.

I do not seek to make race,

ethnicity or religion a great issue here. Nor do I seek to stir the anger of those who are quite comfortable with the ways things are now.

I only am trying to grasp the meaning of certain things and how or why they work they way they have.

Some say this will be biting the hand that feeds, or that I am not respecting the ways of the institution, Baylor University, and the foundation or practices that govern it.

Of course, that is out in left field for me. I have complete respect for the institution, and to clarify — I am not the voice

point of view



BY MELANIE CROWSON

or vehicle of any non-Christian group, but simply a curious observer.

But it is my right, as a member of the Baylor family, to say this: All students, no matter their cultural, religious and ethnic background, need role models; therefore, the diverse student body should be reflected within

the institution, within the faculty and staff, if that institution is to continue to thrive, if not excel, further than ever into the 21st century.

I have often heard other students say, “If they don’t like it, they can leave,” or the classic, “They knew what they were getting into when they chose to go here.” These students are being insensitive. They don’t know how it feels to be underrepresented or not to be represented at all.

Not only are Muslim and Jewish students a minority group within the student population, but non-Christian faculty are

also in the minority. At Baylor, there are not any faculty member who are Muslim, and there are only two Jewish professors that I know of. These numbers are supported, not by policy, but by practice, according to Senior Vice Provost Dr. Naymond Keathley.

Some Baylor faculty would support the idea of bringing in a scholar who practices Islam and is also an Islamic scholar. This would be to the advantage of students who are studying Islam or Middle East. They would be learning from primary sources, teachers who can give a better perspective to what they are teaching.

Muslim students would also then have professors that they would be able to identify with.

Baylor is known to have holistic, brilliant Christian professors who really care about their students, but why not bring into the picture professors from different backgrounds, too?

I am not opposed to the way things are now; however, a small change in this direction, I believe, will propel Baylor into a brighter, more productive future — with diversity in both student and faculty and staff.

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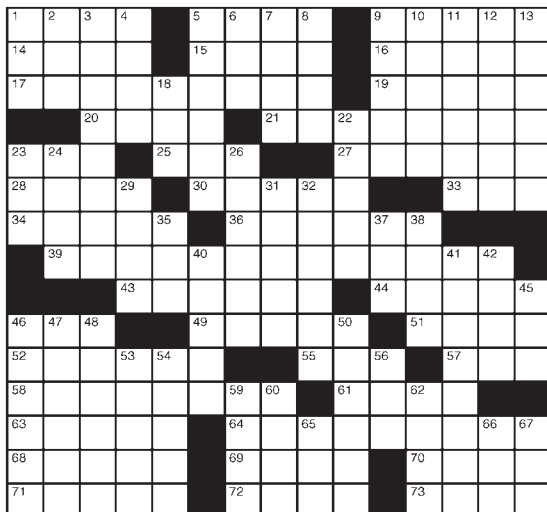
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Volunteers work to put up siding on a Habitat for Humanity project. Waco Habitat for Humanity is starting its ninth-annual Raise the Roof project Monday. City officials will join the usual pool of Waco and Baylor volunteers to help raise a home.

Habitat, city raise houses

By Chad Shanks
Staff Writer

Waco Habitat for Humanity will kick off its ninth-annual Raise the Roof project on Monday at 718 Frost Avenue.

This event features City of Waco employees and elected officials joining Habitat homeowners and volunteers to build a home. During the first week of this estimated five-month project, city employees get paid for time off to assist with construction.

"This event celebrates our partnership with the City of Waco and the support they've given us," Waco Habitat Development Director Emily Fau said. "It helps the city have a better hands-on understanding of what they're supporting."

Habitat partner Patsy Joiner will assist volunteers in building her future home from the slab up. She has worked since April 2007 to complete her required 300 hours of "sweat equity," the work hours Habitat requires from its prospective homeowners.

The project will begin at 10 a.m. Monday with a celebration introducing the homeowner and sponsors, followed by a speech from city councilman

Rick Allen.

They aim to complete the house's frame by Monday evening.

In previous years, Mayor Virginia DuPuy and City Manager Larry Groth have assisted in projects.

The Raise the Roof project started in 1999, as a nationwide campaign to encourage cities to work with Habitat to improve their communities. In Waco, the project has resulted in eleven new homes built with the help of city officials.

This year's Raise the Roof house is funded by the W. Lacy Clifton Fund at the Waco Foundation. It is the fourth house funded by a gift from the W. Lacy Clifton Fund since 2004.

Waco Habitat for Humanity benefits greatly from City of Waco support throughout the year. The city waives approximately \$2,000 of fees on each house built and offers them tax-foreclosed vacant lots for a minimum cost.

In addition, the city also tears down red-tagged (irreparable) old homes at no cost to the builder to encourage new home construction in the inner city.

Waco Habitat also enjoys a strong partnership with its Baylor campus chapter. Baylor's Habitat chapter was the first

Habitat campus chapter when formed in 1987.

They hold weekly meetings Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium.

Waco Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds houses in partnership with low-income families, who then purchase the houses at cost with a zero-interest mortgage that last 20 to 25 years.

Houses built by Waco Habitat for Humanity cost approximately \$65,000. This year's Raise the Roof house will be a 1,000-square-foot, two-bedroom, one bathroom home.

Waco Habitat encourages students and Waco citizens to volunteer. While the first week is booked with city officials volunteering, anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Habitat office to schedule a morning or evening shift. No building experience is necessary.

A Habitat staff member will lead a safety orientation at the beginning of each shift and tools and water are provided.

Volunteers are urged to wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and close-toed shoes. For more information or to schedule a time to volunteer, contact the Waco Habitat office at (254)756-7575.

Dean explores view of faith, film

By Arielle Cayia
Reporter

Dr. Thomas S. Hibbs, dean of the Honors College and professor of ethics and culture, will be giving the Annual Film Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday in the Alexander Reading Room.

The lecture is titled "Seeking With Groans: A Christian Approach to Contemporary Film and Culture." It is sponsored by the Honors Residential College as part of the Honors College Lecture Series, a tradition at Baylor, where professionals from different fields are invited to give interactive lectures on a variety of topics.

The lecture series is designed to stimulate thought and discussion and takes place during both fall and spring semesters, according to the Honors College Web site.

Hibbs will present his lecture on the way Christian viewers typically interpret film, tending to see it as either harmless entertainment or construing Hollywood to be a toxic source of cultural decline, according to the Web site.

Hibbs will dissect these approaches based on the thought of Blaise Pascal, who described human life as a search for light in the midst of darkness and stated that he could commend only "those who seek with groans," which is where the lecture got its title.

The films Hibbs will address in this lecture include "The Children of Men," "The Orphanage" and "The Dark Knight."

"I want to help students think through certain assumptions built into our popular culture, particularly into our film culture, while simultaneously re-examining their own Christian commitments and how the latter might be brought to bear upon the former," Hibbs said in an e-mail interview. "Of course, students have a lot to say about these matters, so I anticipate learning from them, as I always do on these occasions."

During this lecture there will be "a little more reflection on specifically Christian approaches to film and attention to some films I haven't addressed in previous years," Hibbs said.

Previous film lectures in the series have included "Wide Awake: Spiritual Quests in the Films of M. Night Shyamalan," and "The Mythology of Evil in Contemporary Film," which referenced "The Exorcist," "The Silence of Lambs," "Pan's Labyrinth," "Harry Potter" and others.

The purpose of the Honors Residential College Lecture Series, said Anna Shaw, program director at the Honors Residential College, is to, "expose our students to the culture of Christians, discuss opinions, and watch movies."

Hibbs said this is the fifth year the college has sponsored this lecture series.

"We started these the same year we opened the Honors College Living Learning Center, which is now the Honors Residential College. It is the most exciting enterprise with which I have been involved in thirty years working in higher education," Hibbs said. "The idea of the HRC and the lecture series is to provide forums outside of class for students to talk about a variety of matters in serious and enjoyable ways."

The lecture is expected to last about 45 minutes and will be followed by a question and answer session.

Hibbs is frequently asked to comment on film and popular culture and has made more than 100 appearances on the radio, according to the Honors College Web site. He has written on film, culture, books, and higher education.

"Honors College lectures have been known to draw crowds of 150 or more. Given the topic, we expect a high turnout," said Petra Carey, coordinator of Communications/External Relations/Summer Programs at the Honors College.

BEAR BRIEFS

Society of Professional Journalists will hold "Resume Review" at 6 p.m. Tuesday in 245 Castellaw Communications Center. Mario Tarradell of the Dallas Morning News, Carlos Sanchez of the Waco Tribune-Herald and Marlene Neill of PRSA will share tips on creating a professional resume. The event is free of charge and open to all students. Contact Kate_Williams1@baylor.edu for more information.

The Fair Trade Bazaar will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at World Cup Cafe on 15th Street and Colcord Avenue. Fair trade products can be purchased. For more information, contact callison2@hotmail.com.

The Baylor Rising Artists Network and Uproar Records will be holding auditions for a new CD on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. Sign up in the Campus Program Center of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information, visit www.baylor.edu/bran.

Sign up for Kappa Delta's Shamrock from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Penland Dining Hall. Shamrock is an annual all-male softball tournament that will be held Nov. 7 and 8 to benefit the Waco Family Abuse Center and PCA. For more information, contact Elisa_Venegas@baylor.edu.

The Baylor University Jazz Ensemble will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Jones Concert Hall, located within the Glennis McCrary Music Building. This concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call the Baylor University School of Music at 710-3991.

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Sapolsky educates students on stress side-effects



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Robert Sapolsky speaks to audience members about his recent publication, "Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers." Sapolsky has been a primatologist and neuroscientist for 30 years.

By **Melanie Crowson**
Reporter

Stanford University professor Dr. Robert M. Sapolsky gave a lecture titled after his book, "Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers: Stress, Disease and Coping" Thursday in room 510 of the Cashion Academic Center.

Sapolsky is a professor in multiple departments, including biological sciences, neurology and neurological sciences and neurosurgery at Stanford University.

Sapolsky received his Ph.D. in Neuroendocrinology from Rockefeller University.

Along with teaching, Sapolsky travels to Kenya annually and studies wild baboons for his research concerning stress-related diseases and how stress affects the brain.

Also, he has received numerous awards including the MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship in 1987, an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship and Klingenstein Fellowship in Neuroscience.

The Baylor Lariat conducted an interview with Sapolsky via e-mail about his lecture and his own experiences as an undergraduate student at Harvard University.

Q: What do you do on a daily basis?

A: A mixture of overseeing what's happening in my lab, reading journal articles, spacing out while supposedly reading journal articles, occasionally writing, occasionally teaching, fretting about grants, haranguing my kids about something or other ineffectually.

Q: Does every day hold adventure for you?

A: I wish, but enough of them are like that, that I qualify as being very, very lucky.

Q: When you present your lecture, what will you be discussing?

A: Why we humans are prone towards stress-related diseases like no other species on earth.

Basically, we live well enough and long enough to pay the price for chronic psychological stress.

Q: Will non-biology/science-related majors be able to relate or understand?

A: Definitely. The talk is explicitly for non-scientists.

Q: Are you still conducting research in Kenya?

A: It's intermittent now. It used to be every year, starting

in the late 1970s, but it's every other since around 2000.

Q: Why wild baboons?

A: I'm interested in the relationships among psychological stress, behavior and health, and if I'm going to try to study that in a wild primate, baboons have two advantages: first, they are well off enough ecologically (at the least the ones I study), that they can afford to devote their time to generating psychological stress for each other, (in other words, they're great models for us Westernized humans), and secondly, they're big animals, not endangered, live out in the open – so I'm able to dart and tranquilize them and then, essentially, give them medical check-ups.

Q: Who was your mentor in you undergraduate years at Harvard?

A: A physician/anthropologist named Melvin Konner, who is now at Emory University. He taught me the absolutely essential need to think in an interdisciplinary way.

Q: Why neuroendocrinology?

A: If you want to understand the relations between what goes on in your head and what hap-

pens in your body, in terms of health, the link between the two is most consistently with hormones. So, neuroendocrinology was ideal for studying the two halves of that link.

Q: What about it did you find most interesting whenever you first began your studies at Rockefeller University?

A: How the brain, thoughts, memories, and emotions can affect every cell in your body, (often by way of hormones), and how hormones can, in turn, affect your brain.

Q: What is the best advice you could give to college students about stress management or college life in general?

A: Let's see. How about a piece of advice that I would have paid absolutely no attention to when I was in college?

In terms of stress management, the most effective route for it is being socially affiliated with others, with the best version of that typically involving giving rather than receiving.

Along with that comes a key point – try not to mistake mere acquaintances or passing fancies for real connectiveness.

I probably wouldn't even pay much attention to that now. But it's a good thing to strive for.

Dental association granted funds

By **Kate Williams**
Reporter

The American Student Dental Association was granted funding at the Student Senate meeting Thursday to purchase dental supplies.

The student government money will be used to buy dental supplies that will train students for dental school.

While the bill was popular among student senators, Provost President Jessica Liu pointed out that parts of the bill violate the constitution.

"I think that the bill is a great bill that addresses a core group of constituents. However, the bill as it stands was not constitutional because it benefits only one organization," Liu said.

According to the Student

Body Constitution, the allocation of such a bill may not solely benefit the sponsoring organization or individuals.

The proposed funding would violate this part of the constitution because the funding only benefits members of the ASDA, Liu said.

Despite the controversy, the funding was approved by the senate in a 28 to 16 vote. However, the final approval will come from Student Body President Bryan Fonville.

Fonville will look into allocations made by the ASDA that were denied funding by the school, he said.

The association approached the Biology department and the premedical program but they both said they did not have funding, said Kimberly Barclay,

president of the ASDA.

The ASDA has been working on fundraising for approximately two years, Barclay said.

"We have been trying to raise money through dues and local dentists," Barclay said.

The ASDA decided to approach student government for the remaining amount. "We are so excited that student government is putting money towards academic association," Barclay said. "They are going to jump start a lasting program."

Despite the controversy, senator Tommy Micah said he supported the bill because it promotes academics.

"Well your students called and asked for your help because the university dropped the ball and it is (student government) time to provide," Micah said.

Student Senate Activity Report Oct. 9

Bill Approved Last Week:

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc. Latina Awareness Conference
Amount Given: \$ 3,544

Bill Approved This Week:

American Student Dental Association
Tooth Waxing Seminar
Amount Given: \$ 1,496

Bill Seeking Approval Next Week:

Kappa Omega Tau
Christmas Tree Lighting
Amount Requested: \$ 20,632

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Floating opinions

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Church bridges divide between poor, more fortunate

By Chad Shanks
Staff Writer

Waco's poverty epidemic is evident to many students and citizens driving to church on Sunday mornings.

A grand gathering of the homeless under Interstate 35 momentarily distracts churchgoers from the solemn anticipation of their weekly worship.

Questions about the dirt-covered community's assembly and assumptions about their nature flash briefly in the driver's mind before being overcome by the haste needed to arrive in time for the first hymn.

They drive on, often unaware that this group is also preparing for worship.

The patch of gravel under I-35, between 4th and 5th streets, is home to Church Under the Bridge. Between campus and the Clarion Hotel, it unites two worlds, bringing together the impoverished and the church.

On the surface, Church Under the Bridge looks nothing like a contemporary church.

The sanctuary is the great outdoors, with pews and pulpits replaced by rusty metal folding chairs and a dilapidated green wooden stage. Portable toilets are dragged in and cars hop the curb to park a few feet from where worship takes place.

The phrase "put on your Sunday best" is foreign to the suit-free congregation that prides itself on being a church for the unchurched of all socioeconomic levels.

"Church Under the Bridge means it when they say, 'Come as you are,'" church member Joanna Burrell said. "The normal insecurity for people who never went to church is not evident here. Everyone is accepted."

The church's pastor is Mission Waco founder and part-time Baylor professor Jimmy Dorrell. He started a Bible study in 1992 with five homeless men under the interstate bridge.

In 16 years, that Bible study has grown to a church of 300, and members include Waco's impoverished and marginalized,

along with a number of Baylor students and more financially stable members of the community.

"It's fun to look out on Sunday morning to see black and white, rich and poor. People working on their Ph.D. will be sitting next to someone who can't spell their own name," Dorrell said.

A typical Sunday morning at Church Under the Bridge begins with breakfast at 10:30 a.m. A cornucopia of humanity lines up for a free meal provided by the church or various volunteer groups.

For some, this is their only meal for the day.

As they eat, people from diverse walks of life have conversations that would never happen without this venue.

"I've been coming to the church for about a month," Corpus Christi freshman Joseph Horn said. "I like it because they focus on service work in the community and forming relationships, rather than a building and presentation. People want to get to know you and conversations are easily started."

The most unique worship service in Waco follows breakfast at 11:00 a.m. Songs in English and Spanish drown out the noise from passing cars as the wind blows dust from the rock floor across the diverse body of unaffected worshippers.

Church members have active leadership roles and participate

"I'd rather go here than anywhere else."

Robert Brown
church member

in the services. Patrick, a church regular, frequently stands center stage to play his broken two-stringed guitar and sing alongside the worship band. On one Sunday, a guitar-playing toddler even graced the stage.

Other church members whose lack of musical talent would seem detrimental in typical church services are also



Shanna Taylor/Lariat staff

Charles Lina heaps a plate with barbeque after Church Under the Bridge's 16th anniversary service in September. The church ministers to the impoverished in the Waco community.

given a chance to shine.

They deliver earnest, heartwarming renditions of beloved hymns and choruses. Their celebrated passion inspires involvement by others who would ordinarily not receive such an opportunity.

Dorrell preaches in khaki shorts, a T-shirt and an Astros cap as 18-wheelers rush by over his head. His sermons are frequently interrupted. He recalls preaching a sermon about Moses, when a member brought him a staff made of trash.

Other sermons are interrupted by the delivery of written messages, like the time he was given a note that said "Goldie Hawn is a Communist," while he was in the middle of a sentence.

Patrick even sits next to him on the stage and smokes a cigar during sermons.

"I don't take my sermons too seriously," Dorrell said. "I don't think the preacher is the most important part of a church. The people here are baby Christians hungry for biblical knowledge. I concentrate my messages on application. They can see that biblical characters aren't perfect and learn from it. The poor don't need to be fixed; they need to be empowered."

Church Under the Bridge has a sad monopoly in Waco. Associate Pastor Charles Benson recalls his frustration with Waco churches' lack of ministry to the poor.

"I had been so self-righteous in the church walls, wondering why nobody was out in the neighborhoods. But I realized that I was being hypocritical," Benson said. "I saw that these bad areas needed ministering and I understand them because

I came from that world, so I started helping here so we could take something negative and make it positive."

Activities typically isolated to Tuesday nights or annual mission trips in some churches are integral parts of Church Under the Bridge's everyday operations.

Although the church is a separate entity, members frequently assist in Mission Waco's other ministries, such as their homeless shelter and rehabilitation center.

The church even has an addiction recovery group that meets on Sunday mornings before the service.

Many of the lay leaders at Church Under the Bridge credit Dorrell and the church for changing their lives.

Danny Flores' first time to attend was the Sunday after

being released from prison. He now owns his own home building company and attributes his success to the church helping him get a fresh start.

The church has also helped many members break the chains of homelessness.

"I've been in the church for 16 years," Robert Brown said. "They helped me even when I didn't want it. They took care of me when I was on the streets and helped me get off the streets. I'd rather go here than anywhere else."

There aren't enough chairs for everyone under I-35 on many Sunday mornings, but people gladly stand to be a part of something special. According to Jimmy Dorrell, the average American Christian is hungry for more than what they're getting.

"People need a sense of purpose and shouldn't just tack Christianity onto their lives. Christianity is radical, no matter how we try to domesticate it. Theology must be incarnational," he said.

Dorrell wrote a book about his experiences with Church Under the Bridge. "Trolls & Truth: 14 Realities About Today's Church that We Don't Want to See" chronicles the stories of some of the unique individuals Dorrell has met at the church and the lessons they've taught him.

The people who assemble every Sunday under the highway have found a transforming and nurturing environment where they can come to worship without fear of condemnation. Some have even found a family among these outcasts.

"I came here in 2006," said Naz Mustakim, a student at Texas State Technical College. "I was addicted to drugs and they helped me get clean. Now I participate in recovery meetings. It helps to be able to connect with people who have the same problems. This church has been like a family to me."

People under bridges are commonly associated with despair and condemnation. Now, thanks to this church, a bridge can be symbolic of hope and redemption.

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investment office does.” While the shaky economy poses challenges to Baylor’s portfolio, Prescott said he’s confident in the university’s investments. “Baylor’s asset allocation is positioned in such a way that it’s not going to fluctuate as wildly as the Dow Jones Industrial Average,” Prescott said.

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“Rather than shrinking, the form that students fill out this year will add one page to the already lengthy form,” Kantrowitz said. “They (Congress) recognize the importance of simplifying it, but also have other projects in mind and add additional requirements without realizing that this isn’t helping the problem.” Under the Spellings pro-

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White Oak sophomore Emanuel Gawrieh, a Brooks College CL and member of the Student Advisory Board, said he found out about the residual SAT testing after confronting Student Life in regards to Baylor’s one-point drop from No. 75 to 76 in the 2008 U.S. News and World Report. “I found out that one main reason for Baylor’s drop in rank is because we accepted so many students this year with lower SAT scores,” Gawrieh said. Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance, said that while the university had to recruit more students with a middle-ranking academic index

“It’s protected enough that we don’t have to worry about the endowment tanking if the market went down 500 points today, for example.” Prescott said it’s too soon to make any long-term predictions, but he’s optimistic about the long-term status of the endowment. “The U.S. economy has always bounced back from the short-term setbacks, and posal, students would also be informed of how much aid they are eligible for much earlier than their senior year. “The key is to get them hooked on the idea of going to college early,” Kantrowitz said. “If they don’t believe college is in their future, they begin letting their academics slide, and by the time they change their minds it may be too late because their grades have suffered. Early awareness is definitely something worthwhile.”

to meet their enrollment goal, they also recruited more high-ranking students than ever before. “The university set out to recruit 3,000 students from the beginning,” he said. “We recruited more students with a high academic index than ever in Baylor’s history.” Díaz said that while the main motivation for offering a retest was to provide more scholarship opportunities, she acknowledged that the increased SAT average will help boost Baylor’s academic profile. “People do pay attention to test scores,” Ramsower said. “The university does benefit from higher average scores, and students benefited from book credits. It’s a win-win situa-

I expect that to continue,” Prescott said. McGregor, Ramsower and Prescott will serve on the CIO search committee, along with Regents Wes Bailey, Harold Cunningham and Dary Stone. Dean of the Business School Terry Maness and Dick Anderson from Hammond Associates, an investment fund consulting firm, will also participate on the committee.

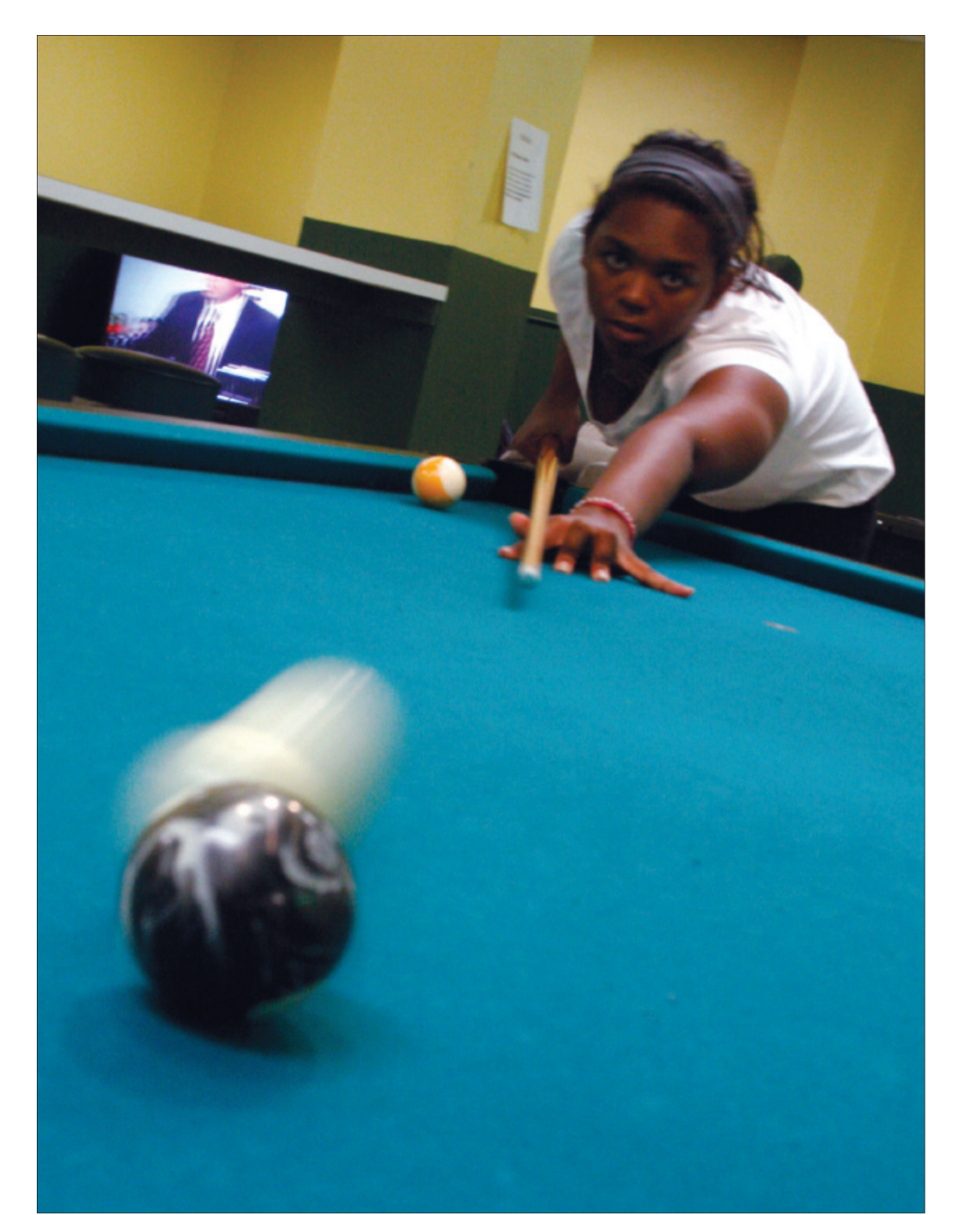
Though both current presidential candidates have proposed streamlining the FAFSA, it is doubtful that the proposed changes will be implemented in the near future. “I don’t think it will occur this year or even next year,” Kantrowitz said. “But there is certainly a growing consensus that something needs to be done. We need to avoid this process becoming a barrier to students’ higher education.” Gawrieh said he doesn’t believe the retesting incentives honor the integrity of Baylor 2012, saying Baylor was simply paying for higher scores and rankings. “We’re at a Christian institution where morals and values are supposed to be all that it’s about. That was stretched and left behind in this decision,” Gawrieh said. “I know someone who had to work all summer just to pay for books, but the entire freshman class had a chance to sit for a few hours and get paid for it.” Díaz said Baylor will continue to allow incoming freshman to retake the SAT but is unsure at this point if they will offer the \$300 incentive.

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“The story is getting to be like that movie Groundhog Day,” said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. He pointed to the still-frozen credit markets, and Libor, the bank-to-bank lending rate that remains stubbornly high despite the Fed’s recent rate cut. “Until that starts coming down, you’ll be hard-pressed to find anyone getting excited about stocks,” Hogan said. “Everything we’re seeing his historic. The problem is historic, the solutions are historic, and unfortunately, the sell-off is historic. It’s not the kind of history you want to be making.” According to preliminary calculations, the Dow fell 678.91, or 7.3 percent, to 8,579.19. The blue chips hadn’t closed below the 9,000 level since the June 30, 2003. Broader stock indicators also tumbled. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 75.02, or 7.6 percent, to 909.92, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 95.21, or 5.47 percent, to 1,645.12. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 47.37, or 8.67 percent, to 499.20. A wave of fear about the econ-

omy sent stocks lower late in the final two hours of trading after a volatile start to a day in which major indicators like the Dow and the S&P 500 index bobbed up and down. The Nasdaq, with a bevy of tech stocks, spent much of the session higher but eventually as the sell-off intensified. Still, its losses were less severe because of the relatively modest drops in names like Intel Corp. and Microsoft Corp. On the New York Stock Exchange, declining issues came to nearly 3,000, while fewer than 250 advanced. The sluggishness in the credit markets that triggered much of the heavy selling in markets around the world since mid-September appeared little changed Thursday following days of efforts by the Federal Reserve and other central banks to resuscitate lending. Libor, the bank lending benchmark, for three-month dollar loans rose to 4.75 percent from 4.52 percent on Wednesday. That signals that banks remain hesitant to make loans for fear they won’t be paid back. The Fed and other leading central banks this week lowered key interest rates to help unclog the credit markets and pro-

mote lending to help the global economy. While a rate cut can take up to a year to work its way through the economy, the move was aimed as a boost to investor sentiment. “We’re stuck in a morass and I think it’s going to take quite some time to come out of it,” said Stephen Carl, principal and head of equity trading at The Williams Capital Group. Demand remained high for short-term Treasuries, a refuge for investors willing to trade modest returns to protect their money. The yield on the three-month Treasury bill, which moves opposite its price, fell to 0.51 percent from 0.63 percent late Wednesday. Longer-term debt prices fell, with the yield on the 10-year note rising to 3.77 percent from 3.65 percent late Wednesday. Investors across markets were mulling a plan being considered by the Bush administration to invest in hobbled U.S. banks as a way to stabilize the financial sector. The \$700 billion rescue package signed into law last week allows the Treasury Department to inject fresh capital into financial institutions and obtain ownership shares in return.



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Right on cue

Fairfax, Va. junior Jessica Giles practices and hits the 8 ball into the side pocket Thursday night at the Cave inside the Bill Daniel Student Center. Giles has been apart of the Baylor Billiards Team for two years and says that her favorite ipart of playing th game is winning.

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problem is to get rid of fair-value accounting. The key points of advice given were to be vigilant, budget and save money, and find a balance between saving and spending, practices that an individual has control over. After a level-headed discussion of the topics, some students felt there may not be reason to panic, but society’s values may have to change when it comes to personal finances. “I guess the biggest thing that I could relate to from this was what Dr. Reichenstein mentioned about not panicking in this situation, and that, almost, in a way it could be an opportunity for us, with the long-term investment horizon,” London, England senior finance major Matt Brown said. Those retired or about to retire might be more financially strained in the future, depending on how they managed their finances. “If you have most of your wealth in savings and retirement funds in the stock markets, this is just enormously

stressful,” said Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics and the holder of the E.M. and Thelma Stevens Chair of Private Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. It was also suggested that employees take advantage of savings plans offered by their employers, such as a 401(k) or a 403(b). Depending on the employer and the program, it will often match dollar for dollar the amount the person saves in the account. Gilbreath discussed the origins and causes of the crisis and its impact on the economy. Dr. James Garven, professor of finance and insurance and holder of the Frank S. Groner Memorial Chair in Finance,

focused on moral hazards related to bailouts. He addressed the trends and fear in the housing market. Finance professor Dr. William Reichenstein provided commentary about what investors should do now and how the crisis might affect investor portfolios and savings plans. Dr. David VanHoose talked about the “blame game.” The blame, ultimately, is rooted in the voter, Vanhoose said. A video of the panel discussion will be posted online on Oct. 20 via a link on the Hankamer School of Business Web site. www.finance.baylor.edu/financialcrisis/ provides more information and resources on this topic.

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Ice cream served with sweet smiles

By Molly MacEwan
Reporter

The most popular ice cream man isn't riding in a truck. He doesn't work at Ben and Jerry's nor does he work for Blue Bell. He works in Penland Dining Hall.

Clyde Brandon, 58, is the sure-smile dessert server many students have come to know and love.

After going to bed around 10 p.m. or 11 p.m., Clyde wakes up at 4:30 a.m. to be at work by 6 a.m.

"I like to get up early so I can make my bed and not rush," Clyde said.

He starts off the day at work serving breakfast, then, he moves on to the dessert section around lunch time.

The ice cream line is always long, with students lining up not only for a treat, but also to visit and chat with Clyde. It is not unusual for students to wave and engage in a little small-talk with Clyde before moving on.

"Y'all are the reason I get up and come every morning," Clyde said. "I love to see you happy."

Clyde was born in Waco and attended G.W. Carver Academy. Clyde is the oldest of eight children and is the uncle to 20 nieces and nephews, and he still sees most of them at least once a month.

"Wednesday was my dad's 84th birthday," Clyde said. "We all went to the nursing home to celebrate with him."

Clyde's shift ends at 2 p.m., and he spends the afternoon

with his parents. His mother suffers from arthritis, so he cooks, washes and runs errands for her.

Then, Clyde goes to the nursing home to visit his father who has Alzheimer's.

"Sometimes we read or watch TV," Clyde said. "He likes to walk around too, it just depends on his mood."

At home, Clyde enjoys reading and taking care of his plants.

"I especially like ivy," Clyde said. "I'll play music and make sure they get enough sunlight."

Clyde has always liked being around food, but was never much for cooking, he said.

"My mother is the best cook of the family," Clyde said.

Clyde enjoys eating ice cream as well as serving, he said. His favorite flavor is blueberry cobbler.

When it comes to Penland Dining Hall ice cream, Clyde is the guy to know, he said.

The ice cream is delivered to the dining hall on Mondays and Thursdays, and you can tell on Sundays and Wednesdays when they run out of the more popular flavors, Clyde said.

The most frequent flavor he scoops is chocolate chip cookie dough or mint chocolate chip.

"My arm gets sore but there's some ways to make it easier," Clyde said. "It helps to let it sit out for a few minutes and important to keep the scoop warm."

Clyde is a good employee, said Edwin Clark, another Baylor Dining Service employee.



David Poel/Contributor

Clyde Brandon, Baylor dining services employee, serves ice cream Thursday to students in Penland Dining Hall.

"He's consistent with his job and admired by the students," Clyde said.

Clyde has been friends with some students since they were freshman, and shared a couple names that he remembered.

"Gabe is a guy I've known since he began school here and now he works for Baylor," Clyde said. "Greg has graduated but comes in every Wednesday morning for a prayer break-

fast."

Cypress sophomore Daniele Koch said Clyde always brightens her day.

"He's always glad to make you whatever kind of combination you want," Koch said.

Clyde has been working at Baylor since January 2001.

"I plan on staying at Baylor until I retire," Clyde said. "Unless I win the lotto, but even then I'd probably work part time."

Missions Week offers global opportunities

By Janna Quinn
Reporter

Students can engage with missionaries and learn about other cultures during Missions Week starting Monday and ending Friday.

The 27th annual Missions Week, sponsored by Spiritual Life, is designed to make Baylor students aware of mission opportunities, both locally and around the world.

"The goal of Missions Week this year is to reach a larger population of students and inform them of God's work," said Toph Whisnant, a Missions Week intern and Kingsport, Tenn., seminary student. "We want to make students aware of mission opportunities they can get involved in, during and after college."

About 25 missionaries, representing different parts of the world, will be attending Missions Week, Whisnant said. "Missionaries are coming to be representatives of what God is doing in the world and to let students know how they can plug in," he said.

Throughout the week, missionaries from Asia, South America, Europe, North America and Africa will be on campus, participating in events and speaking engagements.

Whisnant said he hopes students take advantage of this opportunity.

"The world comes to Baylor this week," Whisnant said. "This is one of a few times a year where people come from all over the world to share with students

and faculty."

A prayer breakfast held from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Monday at the Bobo Baptist Student Center will kick off the week. The breakfast is open to anyone interested in missions.

Jeremy Hendrix, global activist and missionary in-residence, will be participating in Missions Week by speaking in classrooms and mingling with students at the different events.

Hendrix will speak about his experience teaching poor South Asian villages health education by showing the villagers how to do basic check-ups.

Missionaries will speak Monday and Wednesday during Chapel and also during selected classes through the week. They will cover a wide variety of topics, such as nutrition, social justice and evangelism.

"Being missional means to use one's vocation to make a kingdom impact, whether he is an artist, a doctor or a social worker," said Rebecca Kennedy, associate chaplain and director for Missions.

The Global Village will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Fountain Mall. The village will offer an array of authentic global cuisines, such as tapioca milk tea and Welsh cake.

"Global Village is designed for students to interact with different cultures through all their senses, like hearing, smell and taste," Whisnant said. El Tule, a Latin-jazz band from Austin will be playing.

For a schedule of events during Missions Week, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/BSM>.

Charitable campaign allows Baylor employees to donate with ease

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

Baylor has begun this year's employee campaign for the United Way, a program that allows employees to deduct a donation from their paycheck to fund local charitable organizations.

According to the United Way Web site, the United Way of Waco is a "locally incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to generating funding for and auditing the performance of its ... human service organizations that meet a variety of critical needs in the local community."

The United Way allocates money to 22 organizations



including The American Red Cross of Waco, Caritas of Waco, Family Abuse Center, Freeman Center and the YMCA.

Each year, the United Way of Waco solicits Baylor faculty and staff to donate a one-time portion of their paycheck or sign a pledge to donate for a year.

"In these times, people aren't able to plan so far ahead ... they can spread their gift out over several months. Or, if they want to just give \$50 or \$100 (at one time), they can," said Keith Richardson, Cypress senior and

campaign coordinator for the United Way.

Last year, United Way gained \$58,000 from the Baylor employee campaign, Trevino said.

Baylor is the fourth highest contributor to the United Way of Waco, according to the United Way Web site.

The highest contributor to the United Way is H.E.B.

"Baylor University employees are generally pretty generous," said Homer Trevino, director of the United Way of Waco.

Baylor has been involved with United Way in other ways such as sponsoring their campaign kickoff where they provided the keynote speaker.

"It's not just about fundraising, it's about being involved

with the community," Richardson said.

Dean of the School of Social Work Diana Garland said, "Baylor's commitment to United Way's social services is a symbol of its commitment to making this a better community than it is now."

Last year, United Way received \$2.2 million from the Waco community, and 75 percent of that total came from employee contributions, Trevino said. The rest were donations from corporations and individuals.

All the money that United Way receives goes to clients and client services, according to the United Way Web site.

"We give Salvation Army

about \$160,000 a year for clothes and food and to shelter people," Trevino said. "This is not to build buildings or for awards or plaques or anything."

United Way acts as an advocate for smaller agencies that might not be as recognizable. "We represent agencies so they can stand behind a name as large as United Way and we're able to help them get funding," Richardson said.

United Way also acts to direct people to appropriate help.

"We'll get a single mom with two or three kids calling and she'll need money for her light bill, and we'll be able to find her that, or she'll need food and we'll get her in contact with Caritas, or maybe she'll need a place to

stay for the next 6 months and she can go to Compassion Ministry," Richardson said.

"We try not to duplicate any human service. We pick our agencies so that we have everything for every need."

Each United Way can choose which agencies to aid, Richardson said.

Richardson is most impressed with the networking among the organizations, he said.

"If someone comes to an agency that they can't help, they go out and find someone who can. It's all about helping people," Richardson said.

For more information on how to donate to the United Way of Waco, visit www.united-waywaco.org/.

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Peace Corps popularity surges

By Lynn Ngo
Opinion Editor

Forty-eight years after then Sen. John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to live and work in developing countries in a mission toward peace, his challenge has been met by more than 190,000 volunteers.

The Peace Corps, established by the U.S. government in 1961, has become a notable and recognizable name for young Americans looking to volunteer abroad. Over the years, Peace Corps volunteers have unpacked and settled in 139 countries around the world. These volunteers serve in various fields and do different tasks training men and women in developing countries to meet their needs, whether it be teaching English, planting trees or teaching sustainable crop production to farmers.

This year, 8,079 Americans are serving in the Peace Corps. This is a 37-year high, Peace Corps Press Director Josie Duckett said.

"I personally think students are going into the Peace Corps more and more because the world is becoming more global," Duckett said.

Even presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama acknowledged the importance of the Peace Corps in Tuesday's second presidential debate.

"I think the young people of America are especially interested in how they can serve, and that's one of the reasons why I'm interested in doubling the Peace Corps, making sure that we are creating a volunteer corps all across this country that can be involved in their community, involved in military service, so that military families and our troops are not the only ones bearing the burden of renewing America," Obama said.

Shannon Borders, public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps Dallas Regional Office, attributes a shift in American culture for the resurgence of Peace Corps Volunteers. Americans have a desire to give back, and this is reflected in service oriented curriculums in schools,

Peace Corps Quick Facts	
Number of volunteers to date:	190,000
Current number of countries served:	68 posts serving 74 countries
Current number of volunteers and Trainees:	8,079
Gender:	59% female, 41% male
Marital Status:	93% single, 7% married
People of Color:	17% of Peace Corps Volunteers
Age:	27 years old (average), 25 years old (median)
Education:	95% have at least an undergraduate degree, 11% have graduate studies or degrees
Source: www.peacecorps.gov	

she said.

Ninety-five percent of Peace Corps volunteers hold bachelor's degrees. Volunteers work in education, business development, information technology, environment, agricultural and health fields. The program has made it a priority to educate and advocate HIV/AIDS prevention in Africa and the Caribbean.

Among Peace Corps Volunteers is Diana Tavares, a 2007 Baylor alumna from Ponte Vedra, Fla.

"I first became exposed to the Peace Corps in high school when a returned Peace Corps volunteer came and spoke to my class. The idea of really understanding a culture through immersion really intrigued me," Tavares said in an e-mail inter-

view.

Tavares was assigned to volunteer in the remote village of Migori, Kenya, where she spent her time teaching math and science classes to high school students at an all-girls school. She started working in September 2007 and was evacuated in January 2008 because of civil unrest that resulted from the country's election in December. The Kenya program was temporarily suspended, and Tavares was granted completion of service. The program has since reopened, but because of a job commitment, Tavares was unable to go back.

During her short time teaching, Tavares strived to encourage her students to excel beyond all expectations.

"Girls in Kenya are told that they cannot excel in math or science classes because these are boy-dominated fields, therefore they stop believing in themselves. To be able to be a teacher in these subject areas and to tell them that they can excel and share statistics and stories of successful women was something that I really enjoyed," she said.

Making a difference in the lives of the underprivileged is integral to the program. Not only is the program directed toward training men and women in areas that would help them meet their needs, the goal of the Peace Corps is to also establish a better understanding between Americans and the people they serve.

Rebecca Dutton, a 2006 Baylor alumna from Alexandria, Va., is currently a health and water sanitation volunteer in a community of 1,200 people in Ghana. She works for a private organization call Ghana Sustainable Change Project, which educates villagers on malaria, breastfeeding, nutrition, and family planning.

"I work with community members to come up with projects and to implement them to teach people about these (health) initiatives," she said in an e-mail interview. "I also work with the water committee in the village to organize to get clean



Courtesy Photo

Diana Tavares stands with her students in October 2007 in Migori, Kenya. As a Peace Corps volunteer, she was sent to Kenya to teach math and science in an all-girls school there.

water and work in the schools to train the teachers to incorporate HIV and health information into their lessons."

Dutton said she has developed a better understanding about the Ghana people while living in the country.

"The people of Ghana have taught me a lot about hospitality," Dutton said. "Everyone here is so friendly and so nice it makes me think about how we treat visitors in America."

Tavares also looks at the world in a different way since volunteering with the Peace Corps. After experiencing life in a third world country, she sees what Americans concern themselves with is nothing in comparison to what other people around the world have to worry about on a daily basis.

"When you are concerned about whether or not you are going to eat or be able to pay for school, these are real concerns," Tavares said. "Most people in America and people at Baylor don't have to worry about these concerns, they don't even cross our minds, and I was able to live with people whose concerns were these on a daily basis."

Tavares and Dutton said they would encourage other students to consider joining after graduation.

"Challenge yourself to an experience that you will never have again, push yourself outside of your boundaries and

experience the real world," Tavares said.

Borders also sees the value of volunteering in the Peace Corps.

"It's really an opportunity to give and receive," she said.

Not only are young Americans volunteering for the Peace Corps, older generations are doing the same.

According to the Peace Corps Web site, 5 percent of Peace Corps Volunteers are over the age of 50.

Margaret Pratley, 81, is the oldest Peace Corps volunteer and has served three tours as a teacher in Lesotho, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

"What you're looking for when you're older (is) to be of value, to find something that you can do to make you feel worthwhile," Pratley said in an article on CNN's Web site. "The Peace Corps, it gives you challenges. You can do a lot more than you had anticipated."

It doesn't matter if you're 22 or 102, there are programs available in the Peace Corps, Borders said.

Solid individuals with a strong character, along with willingness and passion, are ideal for the program.

"It's the most unique thing you can do as an American," Duckett said.

Peace Corps Volunteers commit 27 months to the program and are matched to a location

according to their skills, qualifications and strengths.

For example, people with a background in business and proficiency in Spanish could be working in South America "training entrepreneurs in the basic skills of small-business development and working with women to help them expand their access to credit and find new markets for their products," according to the Web site. Location preference is also considered, but not all applicants are placed in their region of choice.

Peace Corps volunteers also enjoy certain benefits, such as vacation time, pay and living expenses in region of service, deferment of student loans, partial cancellation of Perkins loans, paid transportation to and from service country and health insurance.

Upon completion of service, volunteers will receive \$6,000. This money can be spent to help make the transition back to life at home or can be spent however desired, Borders said.

Individuals who are interested in joining should apply a year prior to their availability date, to increase the probability of being matched with a program that suits their skills and interest.

Applications are available online at the Peace Corps Web site.

Christina Kruse and Jennifer Sutton contributed to this report.

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Joshua Hamilton, 8, takes a swing at learning to rope during the Special Ranch Rodeo Wednesday.

Heart O Texas Fair

The Heart of Texas Rodeo and Fair continues through Saturday at the Heart of Texas Coliseum and Fairgrounds at 4601 Bosque Blvd. Tickets at the gate cost \$10 for ages 13 and up and \$5 for children ages 3-12. Children under 2 are admitted for free. Parking costs \$5 for the fair and \$15 for general rodeo seating. Armbands may be purchased for \$15 to ride the carnival rides.

The Heartland ProRodeo Championships takes place every night in the Coliseum at 7 p.m. The semi-finals of the professional rodeo riding is tonight and the championship round takes place Saturday.

A different musical talent is showcased almost every night. Craig Morgan will perform tonight and Aaron Watson and Neal McCoy will play Saturday.



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Patrons of the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo wait patiently to ride the Ferris wheel Wednesday.



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Above: Heart O' Texas Fair Sweetheart Andie Winkles shows some love to 7-week-old "Sleepy" Wednesday.

Left: A member of the Coors Brewing Company bull riding team attempts to remain on the bull for the desired eight seconds.

Far left: Michaela Monroe, 7, digs in to some Blue Bell while she sports her western wear Wednesday.

For more pictures from the the Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo, visit www.baylor.edu/lariat.



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Estonia sophomore Egle Uljas plays piano at the After Dark rehearsal Thursday in Waco Hall. Uljas will perform "Etude op. 25 No. 12" and "Phunkdified" at tonight's show.

After Dark offers students chance to showcase talent

By Courtney Webb
Reporter

Singing, dancing and clogging are just a few of the talents Baylor students have to offer at After Dark.

After Dark is an all-university event featuring dance, solo performances, stand-up comedy and musical theatre. The showcase is held annually during Parents Weekend.

"It's a revue of some of Baylor's most talented students, showcasing mainly musical performers and dancers," said Keith Frazee, coordinator of student productions.

After Dark has been an event of the Student Activities Department for over 20 years, Frazee said.

"As coordinator of student productions, I serve as the producer of the show, planning the process, conducting audition and preparing for the show," he said.

Many diverse and talented Baylor students lined up outside of Waco Hall waiting for their turn to audition, said Houston senior Melanie Hoo.

Every performer tried out on the Waco Hall stage in front of a panel of judges, she said. A list was then posted outside the Student Activities window displaying the After Dark performers



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Andy Kim plays guitar during the After Dark rehearsal Thursday in Waco Hall. After Dark is tonight at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in Waco Hall.

for 2008.

After Dark is open to everyone.

"The production is in conjunction with Parents' Weekend, the show is usually attended by students and parents," Frazee said.

Beaumont junior Katy Reeves is a first-time performer at After Dark.

"My friends and I love to sing together so we thought we might

as well do it for people, since it's not a competition but a talents show," she said.

Reeves' group will be performing the song "Total Praise" by Abba.

"This is such a neat experience for my friends and I," Hoo said. "The four of us have been friends since freshman year and it is really awesome for us to perform together our senior year."

Hoo's group will be performing "Falling Slowly" from the movie "Once."

The structure of After Dark stays the same from year to year. Only the performers change.

"After Dark continues to be a standing tradition for Baylor University, which is getting better year after year," Frazee said.

"After all the hard work in auditions and rehearsal, construction and building the set, planning and preparation, I am most excited about the gifts and talents that our students are sharing," Frazee said.

After Dark will be at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. tonight in Waco Hall. Tickets are \$10, \$12, \$14, and sold at the ticket office in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

"We have some of the most talented students performing on stage that night," Frazee said. "Witnessing that talent is always my favorite part."

Guerrilla Troupe promises comedic entertainment

By Ashley Erikson
Reporter

The Guerrilla Comedy Troupe promises to "bring the funny" at 10 p.m. tonight for a two-hour Parents' Weekend special at Common Grounds.

Conroe senior DeAndre Upshaw has been with the group since this spring.

"It takes a lot of guts to get up in front of a group of people without any lines," Upshaw said.

The comedy group held auditions three weeks ago. There are currently 16 members, five of which are new.

Tonight's two-hour show will only include six members of the group, but the kicker is that the audience gets to participate as well.

"There's always a lot of audience interaction," said troupe leader Beki Baker. "They throw out suggestions and get dragged on stage sometimes."

Baker, from Spring, is studying for her master's in directing theatre. She joined the Guerrilla Comedy Troupe as an undergraduate in 2001, when the group started.

"A friend of mine, Coby Meuli, started the group and there were only three or four members," Baker said. "They held auditions, so I tried out. And here I am as a graduate student."

Comedy and performing are amazing outlets, Baker said.

"I enjoy the community and friendships in the group, but it's also a way to try my hand at something new," she said.

Group members practice often, but improvisation cannot be rehearsed.

"The only way to get better is to play the games you're not that great at," Upshaw said. "We play for the audience, but also to support each other on stage."

Currently, the older Guerrilla comedians are prepping their

newer members for shows like the one tonight.

"You have to be comfortable with people you're playing a game with," Upshaw said. "If not, you might freeze on stage."

Waxahachie junior Shaun Patterson, said she watched the Guerrilla Troupe perform her freshman year and decided to tryout this year since they have so many ties with the theatre department.

"I admire the fact that they do all their own marketing and advertising," Patterson said. "It's definitely a self-motivated group."

But not everyone in the group is a theatre major. Upshaw is a journalism major, but he said that he likes to be a part of shows like this one.

"I love performing and the chemistry that comes from

working with our group," he said. What has helped Upshaw to become a better improv comedian is something Baker told him.

"(Baker) says that only 10 percent of what we say or do is really, really funny and 90 percent is building up or getting to that 10 percent," Upshaw said. "Occasionally you stumble, but I think people come out for that 10 percent – the truly funny moments."

Patterson said they have been working on a new set of games, which they will unveil tonight. Baker said students should bring their parents and come to have a laugh or two.

"Usually people go to Common Grounds to study or see a band play," said Baker. "This is going to be different. That's reason alone to come out."

Tickets can be purchased at Common Grounds for \$4.

"It's a new show every time you come out," Patterson said. "Get a cup of joe and watch six people make fools of themselves – what could be better way to spend your Friday night?"

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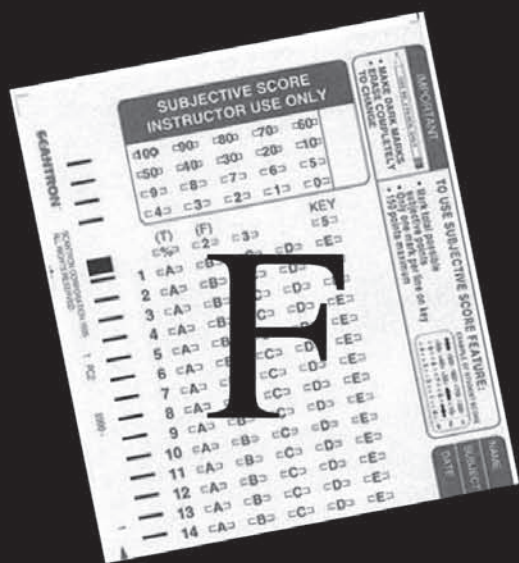
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Choral concert offers variety

By Courtney Webb
Reporter

Baylor University's School of Music will hold a showcase featuring five vocal ensembles for Parents' Weekend. The choirs are Baylor ShowTime!, The Women's Choir, The Men's Choir, Concert Choir and A Cappella Choir.

"The fact that there are five choirs is the intriguing part, because in the past, we have only had one or four," said concert and promotions manager Richard Veit.

Baylor ShowTime! will open the show, followed by the Concert Choir, the Women's Choir and the Men's Choir.

"ShowTime! is choreographed with big variety, it really adds another great musical selection," said conductor of the Women's Choir Michelle Henry.

The Women's Choir will be singing Irving Fine's "Father William" taken from Alice in Wonderland.

"It is wacky, nonsense text that we are giving a more serious treatment," Henry said.

The Men's Choir will perform "Sing Unto the Lord" and "Hol' Your Han."

The program will conclude with the A Cappella Choir, directed by Loyd Hawthorne. It will be performing "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen and "Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge" by Ralph Vaughn Williams.

Parents' Weekend Choral Concert is tonight at 5 p.m. in Jones Hall, located within the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Baylor Parents Weekend

Schedule of Events

Friday:

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration & Apparel
Bill Daniel Student Center

During registration parents can pick up an information packet, After Dark tickets and Dinner on the Grounds tickets, as well as any pre-ordered apparel ordered through the Parents Weekend Web site.

Baylor in Focus
Bill Daniel Student Center

Baylor will be offering the Baylor in Focus exhibit in the Barfield Drawing Room located on the second floor of the Bill Daniel Student Center. This exhibit will show opportunities offered to students. Dr. Pepper Hour will be held after the exhibit for students and parents to enjoy.

History Tours
Fountain Mall

History tours will be offered throughout the afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. Fountain Mall is located in the center of campus across from the Bill Daniel Student Center. Campus tours will be guided by members of Student Foundation and Baylor Chamber.

Paul L. Foster Success Center Open House
Sid Richardson Science Building

Parents and students can see what services the Success Center provides to students. Light refreshments will be provided for visitors. At 2:30 p.m. the Success Center will begin guided tours of its newest facilities.

6:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

After Dark
Waco Hall

The first After Dark performance is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Waco Hall. The second performance will begin at 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Baylor Ticket Office at 710-3210. Tickets are \$10, \$12, or \$14.

8 p.m. -9:30 p.m.

Dessert Party
Baylor Sciences Building

Pies, cakes, cookies, Blue Bell Vanilla Ice Cream and other desserts will be provided with coffee and punch for students and their parents. A classically-trained jazz ensemble will play while students and parents relax and enjoy the refreshments.

Saturday:

8:30 a.m.-10: 30 a.m.

Parent-Faculty Coffee
Burleson Quadrangle

Parents and students can start off the day with a cup of coffee and pastries while chatting with the students' professors. Faculty from every Baylor department and school will be present at the event.

11:30am-1:00pm**

Dinner on the Grounds
Founders Mall

Dinner on the Grounds will be provided on Founders Mall. The dinner will including a Keynote Address from a member of the Baylor administration and a visit by one of Baylor's live bear mascots. Tickets must be purchased for this event. Meal plans are not accepted.

6 p.m.**

Baylor Football
Floyd Casey Stadium

The Baylor vs. Iowa State game will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium.

** Please note the times for Dinner on the Grounds and Baylor vs. Iowa State are set.**

Compiled by Jillian Henderson/
Lariat reporter

Christina Kruse/Lariat staff

Lone Star Tavern, located at 4713 Bellmead Dr., is a steak house that offers diners reasonably-priced meals and a home-like atmosphere.

Steak house declared tasty find

By Kate Thomas
Copy Desk Chief

It's the kind of place that gives out chicken fried steak gravy in a coffee mug.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Long past the lights and bustle of I-35 is nestled the Lone Star Tavern, the faded sign in front of a faded blue plank exterior the only indication that the building is, in fact, a restaurant.

Skittish urbanites may be initially alarmed by the tavern's low-maintenance, easy-to-miss outside, but those who are willing to venture inside are met by a narrow entryway, culminating in a waitress in a T-shirt and jeans. She's quick to notice first-timers, and she'll let them bring the menu to the table.

The menu is a small sheet of paper with the 14 entrees, the side orders and drinks (of both the soda and "tavern" varieties). Regular guests simply circle their favorites and hand it to the waitress before they are even seated, but she doesn't seem to

mind much if it takes newcomers a little while to figure out what they want.

After she takes food orders and hands out on-the-house salads, the waitress slips off to attend to a group of local people seated at the back of the room.

The place isn't too crowded on a Saturday night, and is patronized equally by parties of adults and families.

With amazing alacrity, she comes back 15 minutes later, a chicken fried steak and a New York strip in tow. Both are huge. The chicken fried steak comes in the "½" and "full" varieties, and by "full" they mean two enormous steaks, complemented by the coffee mug full of rich white gravy.

The New York strip is enough to fill the stomach of a hungry guest. The strip is tender and covered in an unusual sauce that tastes perfect by the third bite.

The menu gives the choice of fries, a baked potato or potato salad to accompany an entrée, and the tavern knows how to cook a baked potato. It is easily

fluffed with a fork, and comes with a tube of sour cream and a little paper cup of grated Cheddar cheese.


Entrees run from \$8 (grilled chicken) to a nearly \$30 "Steak for Two." Most are in the \$10 to \$15 range, and many come with a small or large option.

The only negative aspect about the tavern is that people are allowed to smoke within the restaurant, so the smell of cigarettes is present, albeit at a very low level. It really adds more to the atmosphere of the place and would be unlikely to cause guests discomfort.

The entire experience is one of unassuming, home-style charm, and would be an excellent place to go with friends on a weekend for a relaxing night of steak and conversation.

The Lone Star Tavern, located at 4713 Bellmead Drive, is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and is closed on Sundays.

Grade: A-



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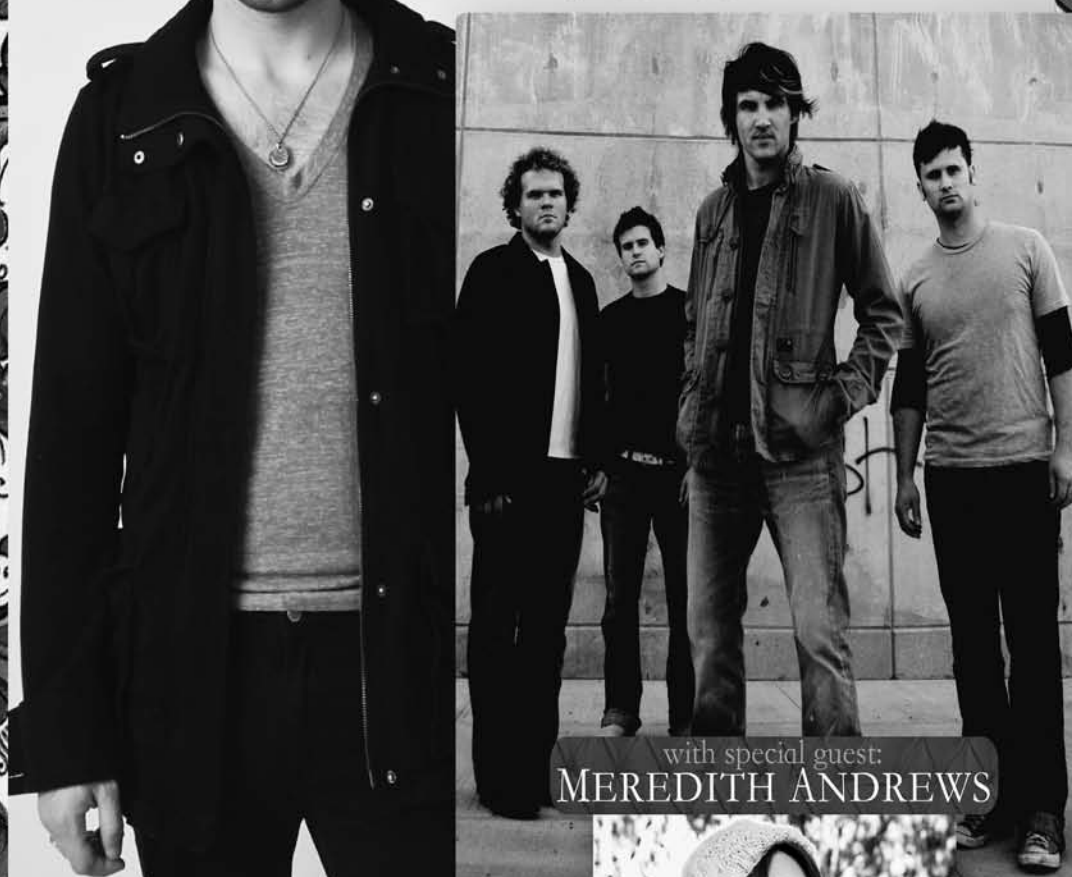
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D's Chicken proves Mediterranean, Southern delight

By **Liz Foreman**
Assistant City Editor

D's Chicken Delight, a delightful Greek getaway.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

The restaurant's name proved misleading as I walked into this humble diner. I was greeted by Lebanese music playing jubilantly in the background and Middle Eastern spices tingling my nostrils.

Just as I began to wonder where the chicken in D's Chicken Delight was, I noticed two separate menus hanging on the wall with starkly contrasting cuisines.

One offered traditional Southern comfort foods such as fried chicken — strips and pieces — fried catfish, hamburgers and hearty sides of French fries, mashed potatoes, corn puffs, green beans and mashed potatoes.

The second menu, scribbled on a dry erase board, boasted an infusion of Mediterranean and Lebanese dishes, ranging around \$4 to \$8.

The cultural clash was not intended upon its opening in 2002, said the owner's daughter as she took my order at the counter.

D's Chicken Delight started

out simply serving fried American cuisine.

While the chicken was popular, even more people flocked to the restaurant on Sundays for the special plate which included Greek and Lebanese food. D's became so crowded every Sunday that they decided to begin serving the Mediterranean food daily.

The young lady also explained that the food which made D's so popular, a Mediterranean and Middle Eastern medley, stays true to her family's Lebanese heritage.

Traditional hummus and falafel sandwiches cater to vegetarians. Gyros and meat kabobs aim to satisfy meat-lovers.

Grape leaves, hummus with pita bread, spanokpita and tabouli salad are among the range of ethnic sides offered to complete a meal.

I settled into my seat, surrounded by the homey ambience and framed pictures of Greek destinations. My roommate commented that she felt like she was in a scene of the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Families with children of all ages enjoyed the come-as-you-are atmosphere and a few college students dined with friends, taking a break from the usual fast-food run.

My falafel sandwich slightly lived up to its Arabic name



Christina Kruse/Lariat staff

D's Mediterranean Grill serves authentic Mediterranean cuisine, as well as traditional Southern dishes. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is located at 1503 Colcord Ave.

, meaning "pepper." The spice was only enough to prove that chickpeas can be exciting.

The Falafel patties, made of chickpeas and authentic spices, were accompanied by vegetables

and wrapped in pita bread.

My roommate's traditional gyro was packed with flavor. The freshly roasted lamb, cut from a rotisserie behind the counter, was served in a pita with vegeta-

bles and a tart cucumber sauce. She opted for the more pricey plate dinner. At around \$10, it included two sides.

Both the spanokpita, a flaky phyllo dough triangle filled

with spinach and feta cheese, and the grape leaves containing rice, minced meat and a pungent lemon juice, were undeniably authentic and well worth the extra dollars.

It's easy to see how D's chicken dishes became overshadowed by its Mediterranean alter-ego.

On a second trip to the restaurant for dinner, I ordered a chicken strip platter complete with four breaded strips, french fries, white gravy and a roll.

When I received my monstrous platter, I understood why the man taking my order asked twice if I did indeed want four strips instead of two.

Unfortunately, the thin breading did not stand up to the massive chicken pieces, or my expectations. It fell off of the chicken before I could get a second bite. The fries proved to be ordinary, and the roll, a little dry.

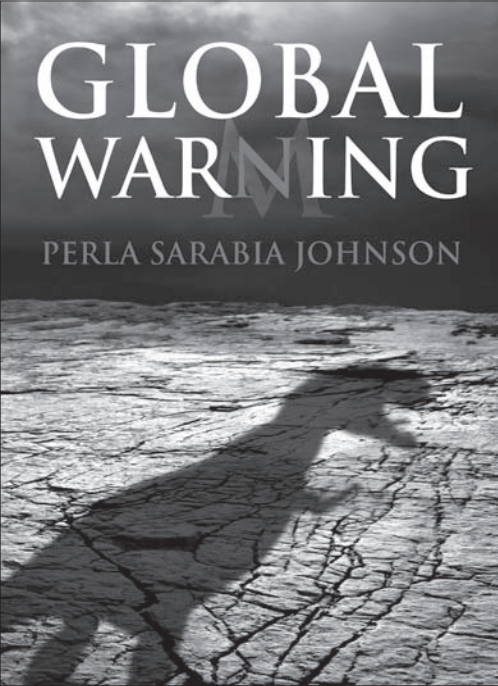
While chicken may be its namesake, the poultry pales in comparison to the authentic Greek cuisine.

D's indeed delights with its fresh, homemade food.

The restaurant is closed on Sundays, but serves customers 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

It is located at 1503 Colcord Ave.

Grade: A



Courtesy Photo

"Global WarNing" is a science-fiction thriller set in Dallas. Perla Sarabia Johnson is Baylor mother and a journalist.

Novel explores possible effects of global warming

By **Melanie Crowson**
Reporter

Perla Sarabia Johnson has a vision. Her vision is a more eco-friendly Texas and for people to read her new book, "Global WarNing."

"I was trying to write something that was timely but not like I was preaching," Johnson said.

"Global WarNing" is a work of fiction and has been deemed a science-fiction thriller. The story is based mostly in Texas and explores the possibilities of Earth's future climate and social circumstances if humans continue to ignore climate change or global warming.

Johnson is a Baylor mom and has worked in media since 1985. Her experiences as a journalist, a former resident of Vermont and as a daughter of Cuban immigrants are what fueled a lot of her book's themes and plot.

"Vermont and Wisconsin are such eco-friendly states; recycling is man-

datory and the people there feel it's their responsibility," she said.

Johnson said the inspiration behind the Texas setting of the book comes from her experience growing up in Texas, attending Texas schools and now living in Texas. Her impressions of Texas in terms of consumption rates and the possibility of exploring other avenues also inspired the book.

Johnson said she advocates the use of alternative energy sources for the sake of a "healthier, cleaner environment."

Her book is a vehicle for informing the public about many topics that are a concern in today's society, including the environment, the economy, Texas' funding of public schools and the Latino heritage. All of these are

themes of the story.

"Some elements are real and some are fantasy. I think that's what makes it intriguing," Johnson said. "I wanted to do an entertaining story that was also one that was informative. And I tried to make it a very topical book."

"I wanted to do an entertaining book that was also one that was informative."

Perla Sarabia Johnson
Author of "Global WarNing"

way," she said.

A lot of support that Johnson received while writing the book came from her husband and two sons.

"My children are my greatest accomplishment," she said. "They make me so proud."

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Cyclone volleyball ready to test BU

By Justin Baer
Reporter

Cruising through the conference season, Baylor's volleyball team smashed into the roadblock that is the No. 3 University of Texas Longhorns Wednesday night.

Baylor (12-4, 4-2) entered the match tied with the Longhorns in the Big 12 standings, but after being defeated 3-0 (25-14, 25-22, 25-15), it's painstakingly obvious the Longhorns are still leaps-and-bounds ahead of the Bears.

"That team is going to be competing for a national championship, so we know that we're not to that level yet," head coach Jim Barnes said. "But if we can play like we did in Game 2, we can at least compete with teams at that level."

The loss slipped Baylor into fourth place, but with more than half of the conference schedule left, it's imperative that the Bears don't dwell on Wednesday's loss.

Baylor welcomes Iowa State University Saturday, a team whose 2-4 Big 12 record is deceiving.

The Cyclones have already faced Texas and the University of Nebraska, the two monsters of the conference. Iowa State's other two losses — at the University of Kansas and at the

University of Missouri — went to five games.

"This is going to be a really big game for us coming off the Texas loss," junior Anna Breyfogle said. "You don't want to get in a run of losses. We definitely need to pick up our game, especially defense."

The Cyclones made the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament last December, and return five starters to this year's squad. Iowa State has also had Baylor's number over the past three years, winning five of the past six matches against the Bears.

Not only does this present a conundrum in itself, but Barnes believes that the final tournament bid from the Big 12 this year could come down to Baylor and Iowa State.

"We're pretty evenly matched; it's going to be a dogfight," Barnes said. "This will be the hardest game we have played at the Ferrell Center this year, but if we are going to make it to the NCAA Tournament, we need to win at home."

While winning at home is a priority, the fact that this game comes on the doorstep of Baylor's match against Nebraska gives the Bears even more pressure to defeat Iowa State.

"We really need to get this win under our belt, so we can



File Photo
Taylor Barnes (9) prepares to spike the volleyball on a University of Oklahoma defender. The Bears volleyball team will face Iowa State University this weekend.

stay in the top half of the Big 12," Arlington junior setter Taylor Barnes said. "This is a huge game for us, but we're looking

forward to winning it."

The Bears take on the Cyclones at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ferrell Center.

Lady Bears place 2nd in Lubbock

By Garrett Turner
Sports Writer

The women's golf team had an impressive outing this week, finishing second place at the Jeannie McHaney Aubrey Morehead Invitational in Lubbock. Despite finishing behind the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, the team posted the best score out of any of the six Big 12 teams that were present at the tournament.

"Those wins are really important for us to get our ranking in the central region," head coach Sylvia Ferdon said. "If you can get those wins, that's what you're looking for as a coach and a team. We are kind of seeing how we match up and I feel pretty good about it. We're 9-1 in the Big 12. I think the Bears are ready to win."

The women's second place finish can be attributed to the great individual scores of junior Hannah Burke, who finished second overall, and sophomore Lene Hafsten-Morch, who finished third overall. Burke's individual goal for this week was to finish in the top 10, which she did shooting a three-day score of 220 (73-74-73).

"There were seven teams there including us and we beat the other six," Burke said. "We're definitely going to take a positive from that after the way we performed from last season. We just go out there and have fun. I think we've come together and it's working."

The tournament in Lubbock had been a focus for the entire team. Wanting to see where they stacked up compared to

teams in the Big 12, Ferdon says her team will use this confidence they gained throughout the entire season.

"It gets me highly motivated," Ferdon said. "Our expectations are going to get higher, which is going to make us work harder. We need to take it one tournament at a time and see what happens."

Also contributing to the score were the other three women in the line-up. Junior Natalie Hocott, sophomore Morgan Chambers, and freshman Jaclyn Jansen provided great depth to the team's performance, an issue that Ferdon thinks is a team strong point.

"Some teams are weak at the fifth spot but we have strong players one through six in our line-up and I feel good about that," Ferdon said. "Burke is playing outstanding, and Lene was right there also. Having those two players play that great of golf was really neat to see as a coach."

The team looks forward to Monday where they travel to Las Cruces, N.M., where they will compete in Price's "Give-Em-Five" Invitational. Ferdon feels confident that her team will go out and work hard. With a short week coming up, practice will be limited but Ferdon is confident her team can stay focused.

"Our goals are always top five and to be in the last day with the last group," Ferdon said. "Lene had led at the invitational last year at even par and if we get that kind of play again were going to have a real chance to win it."

Men's golf:

won Hartford Invitational title

won Shoal Creek Intercollegiate title

ranked No. 7 by Golfweek, No. 10 by Golfstats

Women's golf:

2nd place at McHaney/Morehead Invitational

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7th at Ptarmigan Classic

Semi-pro team holding open tryouts

By Kyle McKanna
Reporter

Last year the Waco Thunder Semi-professional football team made the playoffs. This season, anyone could be their star.

The team plans to hold their third annual open tryouts Sunday at the TCA Stars Field, located at 5000 Bagby Ave., in Waco. Registration is at 1 p.m. and the tryout begins at 2 p.m. The fee for the tryout is \$25, and the first 50 who register will receive a free Thunder T-shirt.

The team is beginning their third year in the Texas United Football League, but they have already had some success.

"In our second season we made it to the playoffs," All-Star linebacker Robbie Crubaugh said. "We got into them by building better chemistry and playing together."

The Thunder lost their playoff game to eventual Texas United Football League champions, the Hunt County Longhorns.

"We ran into a good team with more experience," Thun-

der running back Richard White said. "Next year, experience shouldn't be the problem. It just takes some time," he said.

The tryouts are open to anyone that is at least 18 years old and out of high school. The Thunder hope to get a variety of talent levels because they see this as an advantage.

"It helps because it makes whoever is out there want to better themselves so they can move up or hold their spot," Crubaugh said.

The strategy obviously

works. Last season the Thunder broke in to the Top 50 in the national rankings at No. 34 out of more than 600.

People from all over Central Texas are encouraged to try out. The team believes that combining the experience they gained last year with some new talent could be the key to ultimate success.

"Come out and give it your all at the tryout," Crubaugh said. "I guarantee if everyone puts in everything they've got, we'll be bringing home a championship to Waco."

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Weekend scrimmages on slate for Baylor baseball

By Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

For baseball fans, October signals the end of baseball season. Major League Baseball is winding down, with fewer and fewer squads competing for a pennant.

But for diehard Baylor baseball fans, the season is just getting underway.

This weekend, the Bears will play host to two free scrimmages: an intra-squad competition at 6 p.m. tonight and a scrimmage against the University of Texas Longhorns at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

"The Friday opportunity is a chance for people to see our veteran pitching and contribute to the Diamond Girls, while Sunday will be an opportunity to see younger pitchers and contribute to Caritas," head baseball coach Steve Smith said.

Burgers on the berm

Friday's event is dubbed "Burgers on the Berm," a five-year tradition that started with

the efforts of several members of the Heart of the Order, Baylor baseball's support organization.

"There's a group of us hardcore baseball fans that would tailgate for most home series over the weekends and we just developed a real camaraderie," Mike Connell said, one of the founding members of the event. "We had the common interest that we enjoyed baseball and enjoyed cooking out. We approached coach Smith and his staff and asked him if we could use our tailgating expertise for the baseball program."

Those that attend the scrimmage will get five more innings of baseball, as Smith expects it to last 14 innings. Returning pitchers Shawn Tolleson, Craig Fritsch, Willie Kempf and Kendal Volz, who held a 0.00 ERA as a closer this summer with Team USA, will spend time on the mound.

But Smith, who was a former player at Baylor, won't be keeping score.

"I'm sure the fans will, but we're not going to be," he said. "It's like in football when you run a controlled scrimmage.

You're not going to let the score dictate what you do. You may leave a pitcher out there that you normally would pull ... you might keep him out there to see how he responds."

All donations go to fund the Diamond Girls — a group dedicated to supporting the baseball team both on and off the field.

"We're the bat girls for the Bears and the visitors. We do some office work, help with marketing and are representatives for the squad on campus," Diamond Girls' captain Sarah McClung said. "Anyone who wants food is welcome to attend and is welcome to it. If someone is inclined to donate to us, they can, but they don't have to."

For Chuck Stewart, a 2003 graduate and an organizer of the event, that's the reason for the event.

"That's what we're doing here. It's also a great way to get a baseball fix in the off season."

Connell, who cooks the burgers along with 15 other baseball tailgaters, expects a crowd of 600, but made plans to increase that amount if necessary.

"We've got it down to a sci-



File photo

Baylor's Erik Forestiere pitches against the University of Texas on May 2. The Bears dropped that game to the Longhorns 12-1. Texas will visit the Baylor Ballpark Sunday.

ence," Connell said. "It gives us an opportunity to get a handle on the prospects for the upcoming season, and give something back."

Sunday scrimmage

Sunday, the Bears return to the diamond to face their first

Division-I foe since May 25.

"The way to be a better baseball player is to play," Smith said. "When you're playing a team where you don't know the players, you see a different side of (your players)."

With the Texas Longhorns returning to the Baylor Ballpark, it will be a good test for

the younger players, Smith said. He will employ the same method of controlling the game as on Friday.

That won't stop fans from enjoying a win over Texas.

"Anytime Baylor beats Texas, even if it doesn't count, it's a great thing for Baylor," Stewart said.

BU's Staz Salinas helping lead soccer out of Big 12 basement

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

After getting picked by coaches to finish dead last in the Big 12, the Baylor Bears soccer team has been making noise against some pretty tough teams this fall.

A close 1-0 loss to No. 7 Texas A&M University in Baylor's conference opener showed early that the Bears weren't going to be pushovers. They also battled Iowa State University to a 0-0 tie in a double-overtime marathon match.

Most recently, the Bears posted a 1-0 over the University of Nebraska, snapping a five game

Huskers win streak that included an upset victory over No. 8 University of Texas.

"Baylor isn't going to be a team that you show up and get your three points and go home," head coach Marci Jobson said.

If Baylor's defense keeps playing like it did against Nebraska — 24 shots but none of them translated to goals — teams will be lucky to get three points in a game against Baylor this year. A large part of that defensive effort comes from Austin freshman Staz Salinas.

"She's very mature for a freshman," Jobson said of the starting defender. "She's tough. She's hard-nosed. She's only going to

continue to get better."

That's good news for the Bears, since she already has a pretty impressive resume.

Among the items on that resume is being invited to play for the Mexican national team on multiple occasions. Salinas said that she isn't sure about how the opportunity first came about.

"One of my old coaches knew the head coach of the national team and he just told him about me," she said.

By whatever means they first heard of her, they certainly liked what they saw.

But Salinas said that when she first got the offer she turned it down.

"I was young so I didn't want to go by myself," she said. "So they came a couple years later and asked me again."

The second time Salinas intended to join the team but ran into unforeseen complications that prevented her from going.

"There was something with the deadline, the green card situation and who's actually from Mexico," she said. "And I'm something like three generations off, so I couldn't really do it."

A third offer from the team came as recently as last year. But Salinas, who said she didn't think seriously about this offer, decided to go to college to play instead.

In addition to bolstering the Baylor defense and being pursued by the Mexican national team, Salinas has also found time to play for the Lonestars club team over the summer. However, she said she might not play for them come next year.

"I might just go with another team," she said. "Some of the girls just weren't as serious about soccer as I am."


If the Lonestars offer doesn't materialize again, Salinas indicated that she has other offers that she is considering as well.

"The Challenge coach after the A&M game came up to me and asked me if I wanted to play with them," she said. "Then my

coach from the Lonestars said he might put a team together but he's not sure. If he doesn't, he wants me to go play with the Sting, a Dallas team."

Whether she goes with the Challenge from Spring, a suburb of Houston, or the 2007 National Champion Sting, Salinas will no doubt continue to play a big part of the Baylor Bears defense for the remainder of her time at Baylor.

"She's a player you can count on and a player you know what you're going to get from her," Jobson said. "And you're going to get a lot of hard work and the same kind of grit and determination day after day."



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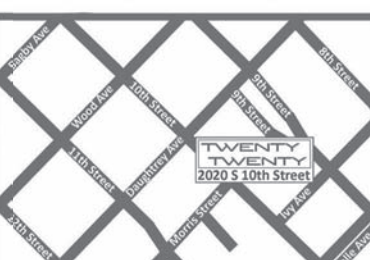
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Must-win game for Baylor

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

Baylor's game Saturday against Iowa State University has the potential to make or break what has so far been a rollercoaster season for the Bears.

After opening the season with a one-sided 41-13 loss to Wake Forest University, Baylor seemed to get back on track when they posted lopsided 51-6 and 45-17 victories over Northwestern State University and the Pac-10's Washington State University respectively.

A close 31-28 loss on the road against a tough University of Connecticut team, which was undefeated until their recent 38-12 defeat on the road against the University of North Carolina, had many people believing that Baylor was no longer the

doormat of the Big 12.

Of course when No. 1 University of Oklahoma handed Baylor a 49-17 loss in their fifth game of the

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season, it illustrated the fact that the Bears still have much on which to improve if they are to be contenders in what many consider to be one of the best conferences in college football, if not the best.

So what do these wins and losses really show?

They certainly look better than they did last year, which isn't saying much, but it's improvement nonetheless. They obviously aren't No. 1-caliber, but most people knew that as well.

Largely, no one knows what kind of team Baylor is yet and with the fourth-toughest schedule of any team, with at least 9 inter-division games, sorted on cumulative opposition, the Bears might not get many chances to show how good they are. Iowa State is one that they will.

Both the Bears and the Cyclones share 2-3 overall records with no wins and one loss in conference. Currently their stats stack up fairly evenly. Baylor has a slight advantage in total yards per game, leading ISU by 9.1 yards, but the Cyclones average 5.1 more points than the Bears. ISU has a few more passing yards per

game, but Baylor gets more on the ground.

Until now, both teams have played at a pretty similar level. The Cyclones gave No. 16 University of Kansas a run for their money before the Jayhawks came from behind to hand them a 35-33 loss in their conference opener and the Bears played well against Oklahoma after coughing up 28 points in the first quarter. With a win Saturday, one will rise to the middle of the conference.

For the Bears to get that win, they will have to prove that they can plug up their defense early in the game. ISU showed they are able score early when they put up 14 points on Kansas in the first quarter of that game. Baylor will have to slow this production. Freshman quarterback Robert Griffin has shown the ability to put together enough drives to be successful if the Bears aren't in a deep hole early.

ISU's best shot at spoiling Baylor's defensive efforts will be to go to the air and take advantage of a secondary that looked porous against Oklahoma, giving up 377 yards passing to the Sooners. To slow down the Bears' offense, the Cyclones will have to slow down Griffin and sophomore running back Jay Finley who are No. 3 and No. 7 on the list of top Big 12 rushers. Plugging up the run and forcing Griffin to use his receivers have to be top priorities for the Iowa State Cyclone defense.



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By Matt Gubbels
Iowa State Daily

The game between Iowa State University and Baylor this weekend is a swing game for both teams, as both enter with 2-3 records.

The thing is, the Cyclones body of work looks considerably better than the Bears. Baylor has shown much more signs of life than they have in the past, but, they are still Baylor.

Baylor dropped their opener 41-13 to an overrated Wake Forest team, while the Cyclones dominated a terrible South Dakota State team 44-17. The Bears then beat one of the worst FCS teams in Northwestern State while Iowa State was actually tested by Kent State.

Iowa State has lost its last three games, but, as their players have said, they are 16 or so plays from being 5-0. A tight loss to a tough in-state rival is much better than beating on an awful Washington State team. Baylor then lost to a Connecticut team that had no business being ranked last week, before being dominated by No. 1 Oklahoma.

Iowa State played great halves in losses to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and No. 16 University of Kansas but struggles in the opposite halves bit them. The players said they just need to play 60 minutes instead of 30 or 40 and this will be the week that they will do it.

Yes, Baylor plays a very tough schedule but losses are losses. There are no such things as moral victories according to ISU coach Gene Chizik. It is that attitude that tells me that Iowa State

will end their 13-game road losing streak this weekend at Floyd Casey Stadium.

The teams are similar statis-

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tically but play completely different styles. Baylor wants to run the ball while Iowa State, to this point, has been better throwing it, and the game may come down to which team does the opposite of their strength better.

Iowa State also showed much more last week as well. Oklahoma called off the dogs after dominating the first quarter last week and Iowa State dominated Kansas for 40 of the 60 minutes of the game. It was that 20-minute stretch that allowed the Jayhawks to wriggle off the hook.

Iowa State will have to find a way to slow down the unbelievable speed of Robert Griffin, but,

if they can do that, Baylor has shown no ability to throw the ball and the Cyclones should be able to pick up more turnovers, which has been their calling card so far.

The defense of Baylor looked sluggish against the Sooners and Iowa State has moved the ball on two very good defenses in Kansas and Iowa. Iowa was the only team to hold Iowa State under 30 and is No. 2 in the nation in scoring defense. The Bears have allowed over 30 three times, and, if the Cyclones get there again, this game is over.

This game will be fairly close but Iowa State will finally put together, as the players say, 60 good minutes of football and beat Baylor in Waco, just like they did in 2004.

The Cyclones won in Waco my senior year of high school and they will pull it together to even their record and win during my senior year of college.

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Weekly NCAA picks

Week 6 Picks



Game	Bateman	Turner	Holloway	Song
No. 5 Texas vs. No. 1 Oklahoma	31-28 Texas	35-17 Oklahoma	31-24 Texas	24-20 Texas
No. 17 Okla. St. @ No. 3 Missouri	42-21 Missouri	49-35 Missouri	27-14 Missouri	37-28 Ok. State
No. 4 LSU @ No. 11 Florida	35-17 Florida	24-21 Florida	28-21 LSU	40-35 Florida
Kansas St. @ Texas A&M	37-20 K State	20-17 K State	35-14 K State	27-21 A&M
No. 6 Penn State @ Wisconsin	17-10 PSU	31-21 PSU	35-17 PSU	21-17 Wisconsin
Last week's record	3-2	3-2	5-0	3-2
Overall record	19-12	23-8	27-4	17-14

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