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Faculty Senate decries SAT retakes

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Along with reviewing the most recent tenure policy revisions, Faculty Senate voiced concern at its monthly meeting Tuesday over Baylor's monetary incentives for freshmen to retake the SAT this summer.

In a heated exchange of dialogue, senate members passed a motion of disapproval of the \$300 bookstore credit offered to incoming freshmen who retested. They also suggested that it not become a recurring practice.

"It's an issue of academic honesty," said Dr. Georgia Green, chair of Faculty Senate.

"We think it's fine for students to retake the SAT to enter a higher scholarship bracket. What we disapprove of is giving a financial incentive to be able to say we have a higher average SAT score."

On top of the \$300 credit for taking the test, students who scored higher than 50 points received an additional \$1,000 per year to their financial aid package. If a student entered a higher scholarship bracket with their new score, they qualified to receive the added funds.

Green said the senate motion was not unanimous, with about five percent of members expressing approval for the financial incentives.

"Those who opposed the motion were adamant and said they didn't see anything wrong with it. They believed it helped the students," Green said.

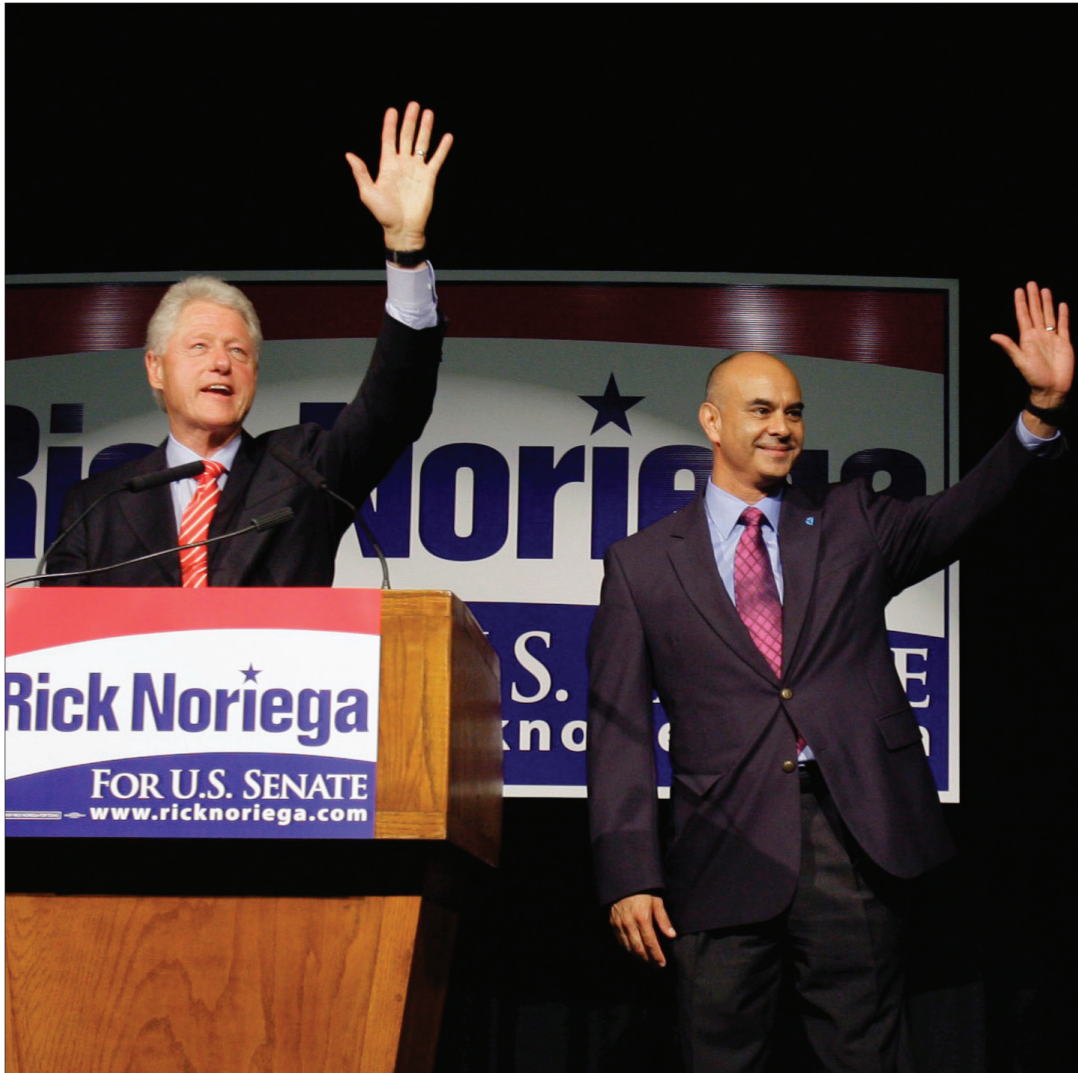
Of the 861 students who retested this summer, 151 students improved their score by at least 50 points and received the \$1,000 scholarships.

One Faculty Senate member, who wished to remain anonymous, said she was hurt and surprised by the financial incentives.

"I've never heard of another university doing something like this. It just seems so unethical to me," she said. "I don't like the idea of Baylor paying students to retake the SAT, and I was surprised to see that a few people actually agreed with it."

Faculty Senate also addressed tenure policy revisions, which were released in their most updated form at the end of September. Green said the latest version lacks policies for denied tenure candidates to make appeals. After a long discussion, Green said Faculty Senate voted to recommend these be included

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Former president Bill Clinton (left) and Democratic senatorial candidate Rick Noriega wave to the crowd during a rally for Noriega Tuesday in Dallas.

Associated Press

Clinton backs Rick Noriega Senate run

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

DALLAS – Bill Clinton introduced the Texas Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, Rick Noriega, at a rally of about 2000 at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas Tuesday.

Several North Texas politicians, such as Democratic tax assessor candidate John Ames and Dallas Sheriff Lupe Valdez, introduced the former president, who then introduced Rick Noriega.

"I bring you greetings from my senator and my wife ... Hillary sent me. Hillary is so mad at the DNC for not helping Rick Noriega, because he could be an excellent senator," a smiling Clinton said, his words drowned out by screams.

An audience member screamed that she loved him, and he laughed and said, "I hope so because I love you, too."

Clinton said that he and Sen. Clinton were still supporters of Sen. Obama and expressed certainty about Obama's win in November.

"America is not like people think it is anymore. It is more tolerant and diverse," she said.

When Clinton left office, he said, there were 27 million new jobs annually.

"At the end of this administration, we'll be lucky if we have five million new jobs (each year). We can't afford that in a country with this much growth," he said.

Clinton said that in the previous week he had gotten two "robo-calls" selling credit cards. "Is no one paying attention?" he said.

Clinton talked about the housing market and the handling of the economic bailout, which he said he blamed on Republicans

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Watch party to offer professor input, analysis

By Molly MacEwan
Reporter

A debate watch party tonight held by two economics department faculty members will aim to inform students of domestic issues discussed by candidates during the debate.

Dr. Stephen Gardner, professor of economics, and Dr. John Pisciotta, associate professor of economics, will both comment after the televised debate, then open the floor for questions and discussion.

The watch party starts at 8 p.m., and will take place in Kayser Auditorium.

"We'll turn off the talking heads on the TV, then Dr. Gardner and I will briefly become talking heads before we open up to the students," Pisciotta said.

The third and final debate will be held at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Tonight's focus is on the candidates' domestic policies.

"The candidates will be talking about healthcare, the financial situation, the recession, and how they plan to get the country out," Dr. Pisciotta said. "McCain is obviously behind, so I expect him to present something new and different."

Pisciotta said they decided to hold the panel because of the debate's focus on the nation's current situation.

The last two economic information sessions held by the business school had high attendance.

"My economics professor, Dr. Emerson, explained to us that the candidates will be talking about their domestic economic policies and it's importance," said Michael Wright, a Memorial sophomore. "I'm looking forward to hearing the expert commentary afterward."

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Pisciotta



Gardner



Associated Press

Hofstra University students Sean Hutchinson (left) sitting in Barack Obama's position, David Marzullo, sitting in John McCain's position, and John Santucci, in the moderators chair, participate in a mock debate Tuesday at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Student points-of-view to take center stage at forum

By Prisca K. Anuolam
Reporter

With election day less than a month away and a presidential debate being held today, Baylor students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on current political issues tonight. Omega Delta Phi will hold a forum at 6:30 p.m. today in Bennett Auditorium to discuss students' opinions about some of today's hottest issues and explain each party's policies.

The forum, titled "Red or Blue: Which Color Are You?" had a successful turnout the first time it was held last year, when more than a hundred students attended.

This year, representatives from the Baylor Democrats and Baylor Republicans will be on the panel.

Dr. Joseph Brown, associate professor of political science, will moderate the panel discussion.

The goal of the forum is to help expose students to some of the key social, political and economic issues confronting government and society at this time," Brown said.

He said he plans to focus on questions about the economy, education, foreign policy, war,

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Credit market improvements to aid in mending economy

By Madlen Read
The Associated Press

NEW YORK – The government's efforts to crank open the credit markets have led to some mild improvements in lending rates and Treasury bill yields.

But it will probably take months, and perhaps a few years, before lending returns to healthier levels.

It was clear Tuesday that there is still plenty of fear in the

lending business – one indicator, the difference between the rate at which banks lend to other banks and the rate at which they buy U.S. government debt remains near a 25-year high.

But analysts believe that as long as conditions keep improving, the economy should be able to grow.

"I don't think we need to have credit conditions come back to normal before we see signs that the economy is recovering," said

Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at the Economic Outlook Group. He said he believes the financial system won't be fully restored until at least 2010, but that he expects the economy to turn around in the second half of 2009 after the housing market bottoms.

The problem is that the health of the economy and the credit markets is intertwined: The health of the economy relies on credit, and the willingness to

lend depends on the economic outlook. As a result, the economy's recovery might be jagged and gradual, as lenders incrementally loosen up as they grow more confident that borrowers are on steadier ground.

And, like an economic recovery, there's no specific piece of data that will signal that things are significantly better in the credit markets. Rather, investors will need to see prolonged, steady improvement on various

fronts – bank-to-bank lending, lending to businesses and consumers, and investment in corporate debt such as commercial paper – to get a sense that credit has returned to a healthier state.

Confidence in the lending business grew a bit Tuesday as the U.S. government said it would spend \$250 billion of its \$700 bailout plan on buying stock in nine major banks, after European governments

announced a similar move Monday to recapitalize their own banks. The actions helped bank-to-bank lending rates tick lower, and bring some optimism back to the stock market.

"We are seeing an improvement. It's still frayed, but not as dark as it looked last Friday," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "I do think we're making some

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McCain, Obama instrumental to song of American presidency

"In the end, McCain sounded most often like a trumpet, Obama more like a violin. Who was more effective depended mostly on the ear of the listener."

While this was written in a Politico article in reference to the first debate, I find it a remarkable metaphor of the two candidates, and the election, in general.

Trumpets blare. Trumpets announce. Trumpets energize and instill feelings of pride. McCain, a man whose stalwart mentality negates his aging physicality, may not excite his base in this same manner, but his heroic legacy no doubt reverberates with American patriotism.

Spanning nearly three octaves, the trumpet's range is impressive, much like the Republican candidate's two and a half

decades in politics. His experience carries a profound sense of insight, making him as much a staple in modern history as his chromatic counterpart's role in the brass section.

His presentation of self is as versatile as the many genres a trumpet can play. When speaking on defense, security and foreign policy, his rhythm is quick, staccato-like and jabbing. But when recalling memories as a prisoner of war, his maverick beat slows to an honorable, gentle tone — like a soldier playing Taps.

His opponent, the violin, is centuries younger than the trumpet. With its fresh, pure sound, Obama's acoustics flow lightly and optimistically, striking a chord with the idealistic spirit of the listener. His elegant presence parallels with the classical grace



point of view

BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

of the violin's strings.

Capable of evoking a stream of emotions in just one song, with just one bow, the violin is strongest when played solo. Obama, an only child who grew up in search of an identity among identities, embodies the individualistic self-confidence of the violin.

Like a long sonata, his flow can be drawn out, intellectual and thought provoking. And at times, his campaign is as dramatic and suspenseful as the tango.

But the violin always seems to command attention, whether in its gentile power or its inspiring melodies.

Continuing the metaphor, Joe Biden is the oboe. An old, woodwind piece played for centuries but still peppy and quirky as day one. Its mouthpiece, with its double reed, is one of the hardest to control, and when it squeaks, it hurts. It makes you wish that it didn't just happen.

Sarah Palin, at first glance, is like a 10-key, fisher-price plastic piano. You know, one of those cute, colorful playsets that produces the same few notes over and over again. But to give her the benefit of the doubt, we'll say she's a flute — shiny, perky, capable of being both elegant and choppy. Flutes sound impressive at their highest notes, droning

at their lowest. Flutes sit on the front row. They take the center stage.

In the back, where the percussion is, sits the media. It bangs, slams and booms. But it keeps the beat. As loud as it can get at times, it still drives the pace.

On the conductor's podium stands the American public. We control the whole show. With our polling data and grassroots movements, we instruct the instruments when to crescendo on the issues we want to hear. And with our votes, we decide the grand finale.

While these parts all play a different tune and drum to a different beat, they nonetheless play the same song. It's a not the prettiest song. It clashes. It intensifies. It wreaks chaotic, unpleasant notes. But it's the

most significant, symbolic song of all. It's the song of the American presidency.

It's not just a solo; it involves all parts of an orchestra, all parts of the country. It's the shining light of democracy and the heart of the American spirit. It's the music we make happen together. And while it differentiates us ideologically, it shouldn't divide us.

Come January, we'll either have trumpet or a violin leading the concerto. The question is, as the world seems to crumble around us, will we make music as a nation?

Or will it simply be noise?

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Editorial

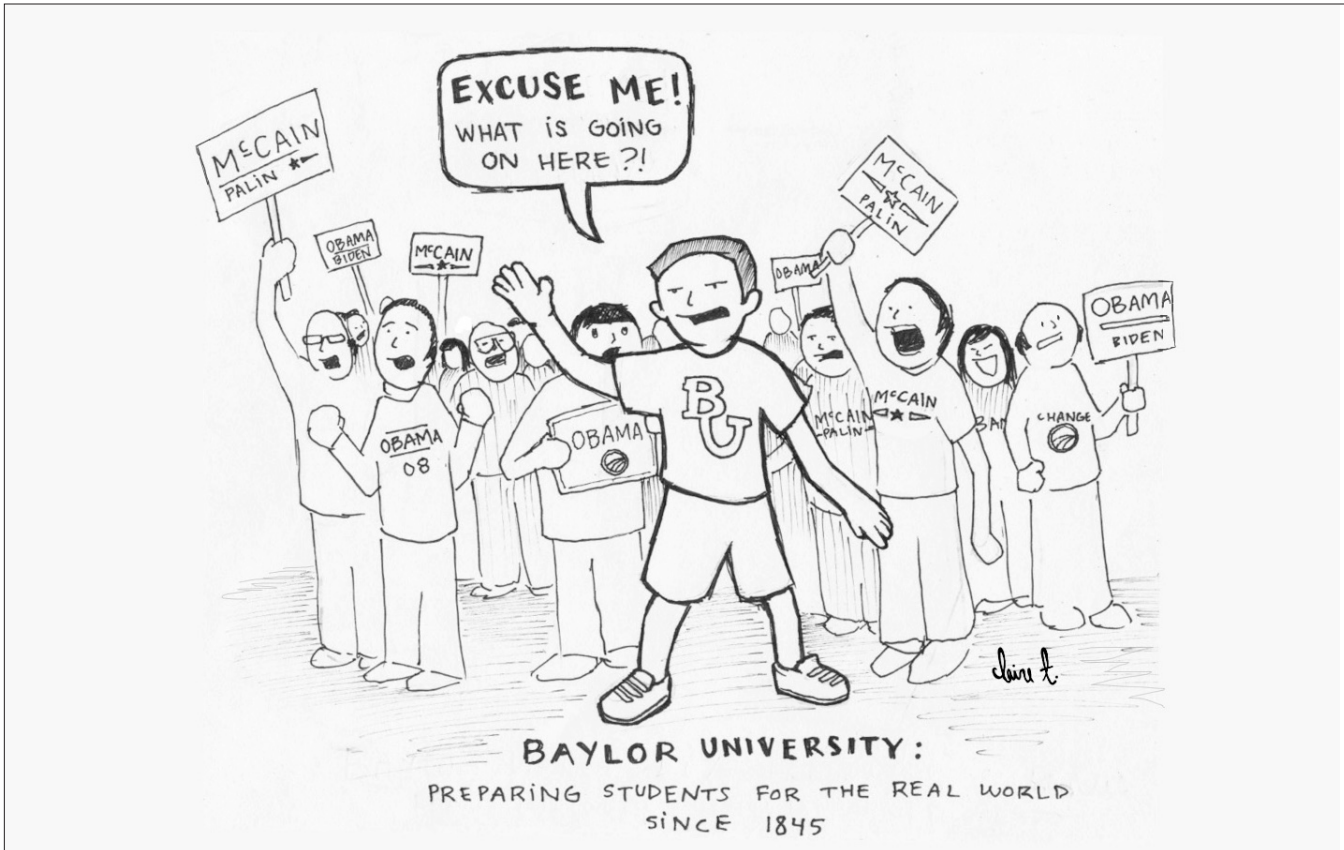
Campaigning ban hinders political involvement

Several aspects of life at Baylor provide for a different atmosphere than that found at other great universities. A strong Baptist tradition and Christian commitment provides for separate residence halls for men and women and the enforcement of strict rules on alcohol consumption, to name a few. But the campus ban on political activity within four weeks of an election is a restriction that hinders, not enables, students to make wise decisions. In the name of education, political activity should be allowed on all college campuses.

Baylor enforces a campus-wide disallowance of political activity in this time leading up to an election in order to maintain status with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. According to the Internal Revenue Code, a 501(c)(3) organization "may not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities, and it may not participate in any campaign activity for or against political candidates." It's unclear whether this code includes student groups at universities.

But the Baylor office of public affairs seems to emit paranoia of breaching the restriction. The office sent out an e-mail to all students, stating "with the exception of debates, all campaign-related events should be suspended by Oct. 7, until after the election Nov. 4."

Arguably, it's a stretch to think that a student group's endorsement of a can-



didate would be considered an endorsement by university proper. Southern Methodist University, another religiously affiliated university, has no such forbiddance, according to their Student Code of Conduct. However, Texas Christian University restricts on-campus campaigns. According to TCU rules, on-campus campaigning must be sponsored by a student group and be bipartisan and educational in nature. This policy seems more appropriate than an outright forbiddance of all campaigning.

Phillip Chaney, president of College Republicans at Baylor, agreed that our university's precautions on campaigning are excessive. Chaney also said that after his organization met with the general counsel last year, he was under the impression that student organizations

could disseminate campaign information if it was clearly marked as representing the views of an organization and not the university.

Baylor officials have to play by the rules, lest we lose our status and all the perks that come with it — most substantially, our exemption from paying federal income tax. And with a 153-page document on how a 501(c)(3) organization should behave in election years, no one could blame Baylor for wanting to err on the side of caution. But student organizations do not speak as the voice of a university, and their views are recognizably independent from the university itself.

Students at Baylor should be free to express themselves politically on campus. This would allow students to educate themselves and others by taking

an active role in the political process, beyond casting a vote. If student groups could hand out fliers or use megaphones to sing the praises of their candidate, perhaps this would motivate other students to vote or to be more proactive in politics.

College is the time and the place to explore ideas and ideologies. It's a time for debate, for balancing the weaknesses and strengths of beliefs and life outlooks. It's a time to possibly even part with what our parents taught us about the world, including political views. The only way students can make informed decisions on these critical topics is to be exposed to them. For education's sake, Baylor students should be allowed to freely campaign on campus, especially as the election draws nearer. If not now, when?

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Letters to the editor

Obama's unpatriotic past evident

I respectfully disagree with Andrew Martinez's article titled "Attacks on Obama's patriotism hold no merit." In fact, I would claim the comments made by the McCain campaign regarding Sen. Obama's lack of patriotism were completely warranted. I strongly agree with Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's claim that, (Obama) is someone who sees America, it seems, as being so imperfect" and, "(Obama) does not see America like you and I see America."

The strength of Obama's relationship with radical leftist Bill Ayers is only a small piece to the puzzle of Obama's lack

of patriotism. Martinez's article failed to mention, Obama, in fact, launched his Illinois state senatorial campaign at Bill Ayers home in Chicago.

Bill Ayers aside, evidence of Obama's lack of patriotism can be found as early as October 2007 in an issue of Time magazine where Obama was pictured alongside Sen. Hillary Clinton and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson during a presentation of the U.S. National Anthem. In the picture, Sen. Clinton and Richardson both have their right hand held proudly over their heart, while Obama's hands are comfortably clasped in front of him. This kind of behavior is hardly the practice

of a patriot.

On March 13, 2008, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's church pastor of over 20 years, made the comment that, "African Americans should sing God Damn America instead of God Bless America." If Wright's comment is not anti-patriotic, then I'm not sure what is. Is it really that much of a stretch to claim Obama, after attending Wright's church for over two decades, agrees with this view? Eventually Obama cut ties with Wright due to the negative publicity surrounding the evangelical vote. Is this not the work of a man who is, "Willing to put politics above principle," as Martinez's article

stated of John McCain?

Then on July 8, 2008, Obama stated, "Instead of worrying about whether immigrants can learn English, you need to make sure your child can speak Spanish." Obama went on further to say, "It is embarrassing when Europeans come over here, they all speak English, they speak French, they speak German. Then we go over to Europe and all we can say is 'merci beaucoup.'" I am very much in favor of our children learning new languages, but my concern is with Obama's apparent discontent for the American language. The reason some Europeans and Hispanics speak English so well is because of English's domi-

nance in the world. In fact, the international language of all air traffic control towers in the world is English. English is also the most widely spoken language in the United Nations. Does Obama mean to claim that we, as Americans, should be ashamed of our national language? In essence, Obama is suggesting we should change America in order to make those who visit America feel more at home.

The list of Obama's lack of patriotism only gets longer, not to mention some of the lack of patriotism Michelle Obama has made over the past few months. However, I sincerely hope that anyone with half a brain can see

that a claim towards Obama's lack of patriotism is well-warranted.

I'm a realist. I understand a lot of people in America want change because a lot of them are fed up with President Bush's policies and tactics.

However, America should know what it would be getting itself into if Obama gets our permission to hold the reigns. America should sit back and ask itself if it is prepared for an anti-patriotic senator, with hardly any U.S. Senate experience, to enter the office of president of the United States with his party in control of both the House and Senate.

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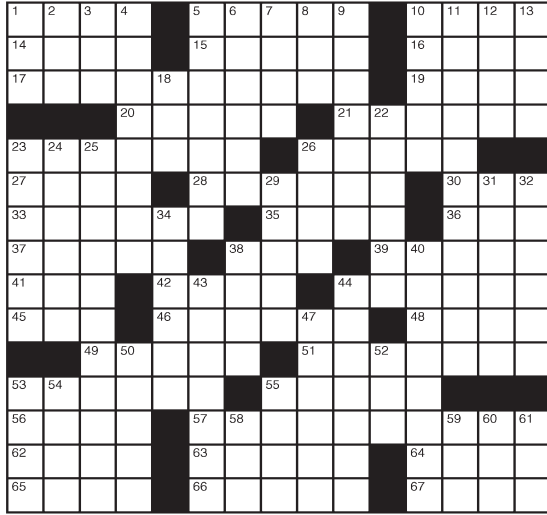
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national security and immigration. This event creates an opportunity for Baylor students to become more enlightened on the political process and get involved in this year's election, Omega Delta Phi president Victor Cruz said. "Many students claim a party," he said. "But do they really know the issues and what they claim to be?" There will be two panels with representatives, each answering 10 to 15 questions asked by Brown. Questions will be gathered online before the forum and also from a drop box that will be provided at the door. Each side will have three minutes to answer the questions. Houston senior Ben Moore, vice president of Omega Delta Phi, said the questions will be fairly open, focusing on the current issues at hand.

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progress here, and hopefully this is just the beginning." To be sure, the clogged credit markets are still squeezing businesses, municipalities and individuals. Domino's Pizza Inc. Chief Executive David Brandon said during the company's quarterly earnings call that although things appear better now than they did last week, borrowing directly from banks has "been very tough, and that's gotten exceedingly worse during the third quarter, and I would say right now it's fundamentally shut down." The seizure up is forcing Domino's to "be creative," Brandon said, and consider offering short-term financial support to its stronger franchisees. Meanwhile, two corporate deals this week have fallen through. French outdoor advertising firm JCDecaux SA said Tuesday that negotiations to buy Russian rival News Outdoor Group from News Corp. have ended because financing the deal would be too difficult. And on Monday, Waste Management Inc., the nation's largest garbage

"The economy is probably going to be at the top of the list," he said. He said the current market crisis is sure to spark a conversation with students of various political views. "Our goal is to inform students about both the Republican and Democratic platforms," Moore said. "This is not a debate, but an open talk with straightforward questions and answers." Phillip Chaney, president of Baylor College Republicans, said the forum should provide clarity for students. "The forum should offer students the viewpoint of each party so they can make a choice that coincides with their own beliefs," he said. Kiera Boyle, vice president of the Baylor Democrats, said the organization is looking forward to participating in the forum. The fraternity plans to have a forum every year to inform students about emerging political

issues and dialogue about it. Houston freshman Jordan Franklin said the event is much-needed on campus. "It is an opportunity to see other people's viewpoints on different topics," she said. "And students are able to speak out about different issues." Troy, Ohio, senior Megan McNerny said it's important that students know about the candidates they are voting for and this is the perfect opportunity to do so. "A strong democracy requires open political dialogue between opposing parties," she said. "This forum is useful, as it facilitates this discussion while providing an open forum for students from different backgrounds to participate in the national political conversation." After the forum, students will have the opportunity to watch the third presidential debate at a watch party in the Bill Daniel Student Center den.

hauler, withdrew its \$6.73 billion bid to acquire smaller rival Republic Services Inc. In another sign of tight credit, a Tuesday report by the New York Building Congress said New York City will see its construction boom peak this year and construction jobs plunge. Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Jeremy Soffin said capital projects like the Second Avenue subway line are highly dependent on access to the credit markets, while Steven Spinola, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, said fewer projects will be financed because it will be harder for developers to get funding. And it's not going to get any easier for consumers with shaky credit to get loans for homes, cars, and other big-ticket items. GMAC Financial Services, the financing arm of General Motors Corp., said Monday that it tightened its criteria for consumer auto financing — one of the changes was limiting purchases to car buyers with a credit score of 700 or above. The London interbank rate, the key lending rate known as Libor, has been inching lower.

Libor for three-month dollar loans fell to 4.64 percent from 4.75 percent, after a 0.07 percentage point dip on Monday; last Wednesday, when the financial markets were in turmoil, Libor rose to 5.38 percent, and a month ago, it was below 3 percent. And investors were betting Tuesday that Libor would fall again on Wednesday, according to Miller Tabak & Co. analyst Tony Crescenzi. Libor is important because many consumer loans, including about half of all adjustable-rate mortgages, are tied to it. It remains well above the three-month Treasury bill yield of 0.34 percent, up only modestly from 0.21 percent late Friday. It's also much higher than the target Fed funds rate of 1.5 percent. The fed funds rate is the overnight rate at which banks lend funds that are held at the Federal Reserve to other banks; Libor is the average bank-to-bank lending rate on the wholesale market. The bond markets were closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday.

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Dr. Pisciotta said he and Dr. Gardner will focus on the economic policies of the two candidates, not their politics. A self-confessed political junkie, he said, "I watch plenty of Fox and CNN." Sen. Barack Obama released a new economic plan Monday, called "Economic Rescue Plan for the Middle Class." It is composed of: a business tax credit for each new hire, creating a jobs and growth fund, allowing every family to withdraw up to 15 percent from their IRA or 401(k) and a three-month moratorium on

foreclosures. According to JohnMcCain.com, Sen. John McCain will, "create millions of good American jobs, ensure our nation's energy security, get the government's budget and spending practices in order and bring relief to American consumers." Dr. Tisha Emerson, associate department chair for undergraduate programs and associate professor of economics, helped organize the event, and said students will benefit from attending. "It is important for each of us to be informed voters," she said. "It is a good opportu-

nity to help our students better understand the economic platforms of each of the candidates." The presidential debate will be in answer format, which is the same as the first debate. Each candidate will be seated at a table and at the end, they will have the opportunity for a 90-second closing statement, which has not been given at the other debates. The moderator is Bob Schieffer, interim anchor of the CBS Evening News and Face the Nation. According to CBS.com, Shieffer is "broadcast journalism's most experienced Washington reporter."

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in the final draft. Senate members also agreed to add a statement issued by the American Association of University Professors on the faculty's role in tenure decisions. The statement says: "The president should, on questions of faculty status, as in other matters where the faculty has primary responsibility, concur with the faculty judgment,

except in rare instances and for compelling reasons which should be stated in detail." In other words, tenure is primarily a faculty decision that the university president should agree with, except in rare and "compelling" cases. Green said the Faculty Senate suggested that the term "promotions" be taken out of the draft, due to the fact the document is mainly concerned with tenure. Other, more minute changes were made regarding language

used in the annual review process. Green said the recommendations will be presented to Interim Provost Elizabeth Davis next week. Once the Council of Deans submits its recommendations, the provost's office will lead discussions and negotiations to finalize the tenure policies. "We hope to have a chance to look over a final draft in the senate before it goes to the president for approval," Green said.

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being concerned mostly about the wealthy. "We need a healthy government that's on the job to stop any sort of selfish, self-destructive behavior," Clinton said. "This is the first time since the Republican Party went way to the right that they are really in the saddle to do instead of talk, and we are living with the aftermath," Clinton said. Clinton said we need to rebuild our military. "We have to make the military the kind of thing that young men and women want to be a part of," he said. Clinton gestured to Noriega, who served in Afghanistan. "(Noriega) has a right to comment on our military bearing in the world. We need people like him to serve, and people smart enough to know when to back

out," Clinton said. Clinton, like the other speakers, emphasized voting straight-ticket Democrat. "I don't care how big your brain is," Clinton said, of Obama, "the supporting cast matters." Clinton listed Noriega's accomplishments, including serving in the army, working with Houston Hurricane Katrina victims, and writing a new plan for the Texas education system. "His opponent (Texas Republican Senator John Cornyn) has done a good job of serving the interest groups. Noriega is the kind of person that tries to figure out what is happening. We've had enough of people who don't want to know what is happening or wouldn't understand if they knew," Clinton said. "How am I supposed to follow that?" Noriega said.

Several Baylor students weighed in. "It's nice to be able to see a guy who's been interviewed by Jon Stewart," said president of the Baylor Democrats Oscar Boleman, Galveston senior. "I like the emphasis on candidates other than Obama and Noriega, the focus on full-spectrum change." Boleman also agreed with Noriega's ideas. "I liked that Noriega said that the election starts on Oct. 20, the first day of early voting, because it allows voters to be less encumbered by time constraints and issues that would cause them to be given a provisional ballot," Boleman said. Dallas junior Emily Childs said it was encouraging to see so many Democrats rallied in Texas. "I really liked the 'Bill, Baby, Bill' sign," she said.

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Cameron Park East closes for renovations

By Chad Shanks
Staff Writer

Cameron Park East closed to the public yesterday to begin pre-construction on a \$2.1 million bond-funded renovation project scheduled to run through 2010.

“Right now, Cameron Park East is not efficient,” said Rusty Black, director of City of Waco Parks and Recreation. “We’re trying to make it more efficient and improve its quality.”

Located off Martin Luther King Drive, Cameron Park East features a view of Cameron Park’s limestone cliffs and the convergence of the Brazos and Bosque rivers.

It has several boating docks and ramps with a disc golf course and the Jimmy Bryant Horseshoe Complex.

Construction is underway for a planned overhaul of the park. Workers are moving all utilities and lighting amenities underground and adding additional electrical outlets to set the foundation for all additional improvements.

Parks and Recreation officials

consulted users of Cameron Park East to determine which areas needed the most attention. Officials used this information to develop a plan to restructure parking and restrooms.

“We get the most complaints (about Cameron Park East) on the dusty roads, lack of parking, and inadequate restrooms,” Black said. “We’re going to put more organization into getting in and out of the park for special events and develop defined parking areas. We also need to improve restrooms for day in, day out users and add restrooms for special events.”

In addition, improvements are planned to make Cameron Park East more suitable for special events. Workers will add a pavilion and other entertainment venues for concerts and performances. Other special event support facilities and booths for concessions stands are also planned.

Cameron Park East’s main boat ramp will also receive vast improvements, thanks to a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Public access to the park will



Alex Song/ Lariat Staff

Cameron Park East closed Tuesday for a planned full-fedged overhaul of the park. “We’re trying to make (Cameron Park East) more efficient,” said Rusty Black, director of City of Waco Parks and Recreation.

be restricted during the lengthy construction.

“A lot of events and activities will be affected,” Black said. “We’d like to make them available if we can, but we want to maintain a safe environment for the user and the construction workers. People might be inconvenienced or will have to make

won’t be able to play disc golf for a while,” Waco resident John Petesmeyer said.

Several Cameron Park facilities and trails will also be closed for the next year and a half.

“I’m glad the park is getting improvements because it really needed them,” Christina Garrett said, while walking her dog in the park.

In addition to its physical improvements, Parks and Recreation is lobbying the city to change the name of Cameron Park East. Rusty Black presented their case at the City Council meeting Oct. 7.

“There is no relationship between Cameron Park and Cameron Park East,” Black said. “The name was coined as a matter of convenience, but now causes confusion to our consultants and out-of-towners. We want to show that there’s not necessarily a link and identify a park worthy of having its own identity.”

The Parks and Recreation advisory board recommended the names Riverside Park, Two Rivers Park and Cliff View Park as possible replacements.

Phishing Scam Alert

A recent phishing e-mail targeted more than 700 Baylor e-mail accounts.

“Phishing” e-mails try to induce recipients to reveal information, such as Social Security numbers or bank account information, by appearing as a legitimate institution trying to help the recipient.

The most recent message, which comes from a falsified baylor.edu e-mail account, claims that the University is in the process of updating its “database and email center” and that the recipient must confirm information to upgrade his/her account.

If you are suspicious of an e-mail that you receive, please contact the HELP desk (x4357).

For additional information, contact Carl_Flynn@baylor.edu or Jon_Allen@baylor.edu

BEAR BRIEFS

George W. Truett Theological Seminary is holding the Parchman Endowed Lecture Series at 9:30 a.m. today and tomorrow in Paul W. Powell Chapel. Dr. Bill J. Leonard will address biblical interpretation on several different topics.

The Health and Wellness Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in Barfield Drawing Room. There will be interactive booths providing health and wellness information, refreshments, free drawings, flu shots, cholesterol testing and more.

The Baylor in London summer study abroad program will have an information meeting for interested students at 3:30 p.m. today in 249 Castellaw Communication Center. The Baylor in London summer study abroad program is open to all Baylor students and is sponsored by the Department of Communication Studies. Students will earn six hours of 4000-level course credit for successful completion of the program. Participants will be in London from July 9 to Aug. 7. For more information, send an e-mail to Mark_Morman@baylor.edu.

Bear Faire for December Graduates will take place from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Hughes-Dillard Alumni Center. Buy your cap and gown, order invitations, record your video Shout Out and check your name on the graduation list. Video Shout-Outs will be recorded from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.baylor.edu/commencement/ for more information.

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Baptist historian heads lecture series for seminary

By Jillian Henderson
Reporter

Baptist historian Dr. Bill J. Leonard aims to inform and educate during his lecture series this week at George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

The Parchman Endowed lecture series will be scholarly but will not be overly technical and will provide attendees with a greater understanding of ongoing Baptist dialogs and developments, said Dr. Todd Still, Ph.D. and associate professor of Christian Scriptures. These lec-

tures are for Baptists and non-Baptists alike.

The lectures are meant to provide a clearer picture of the Baptist landscape — past, present, and future, Still said.

“Dr. Bill J. Leonard, founding dean and professor of Church History at Wake Forest University Divinity School, was chosen because he is widely recognized in scholarly circles as the foremost Baptist historian living and writing in North America today,” Still said.

Leonard will give three lectures on Baptist faith.

The purpose of these lectures

is to bring world-renowned theologians to Baylor and to give Baylor the opportunity to weigh in on theological dialogue and the life of the church, Still said.

“Given that this year marks the 400th anniversary of Baptists, the Truett Seminary faculty thought it timely to have a premier Baptist historian deliver the prestigious Parchman Endowed Lectures.” Still said.

Leonard is not only a speaker, but he also is the author and editor of 15 books.

His most recent book is entitled *Baptists in America*, published by Columbia University Press in 2005.

Leonard taught at many different universities around the World: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Samford University and Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan.

“Bill Leonard is perhaps the foremost expert on Baptist history in America today,” seminary professor Roger Olson said. “His insights into Baptist life are always incisive. We are very fortunate to have him at the seminary, and we hope many from the Baylor community will join us in learning from him.”

The Parchman Endowed Lecture series was established in 1999 by Leo and Gloriaan Parchman to encourage dynamic discussion on topics related to theological studies at Baylor University, Still said.

Today, Dr. Leonard will give his lecture, “Once Saved, Almost Saved?: Revisiting Baptists’ Conversionism.”

Thursday’s lecture is titled, “A Postmodern New Testament Church?: Revisiting Baptists’ Ecclesiology.” The lectures will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Paul W. Powell Chapel in Truett Seminary.

Former presidents tour Galveston after Hurricane Ike

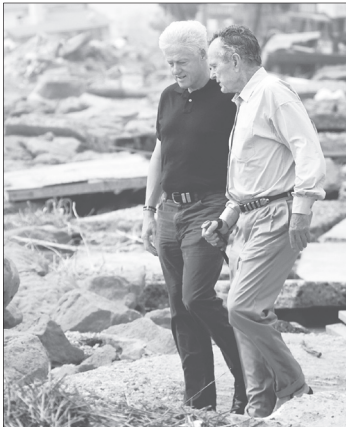
By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

GALVESTON — Former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, seeing firsthand the damage Hurricane Ike wrought, asked Americans Tuesday not to forget about the island or other Gulf Coast communities hit hard this hurricane season.

Bush and Clinton toured Galveston Island and the storm-wrecked Bolivar Peninsula by helicopter and met with local and federal officials to get an update on the ongoing repair and recovery efforts.

Ike blasted ashore near Galveston on Sept. 13, flattening buildings and killing at least 37 people in Texas.

“What we’re seeing is abject



Associated Press

Former Presidents George H.W. Bush, right, and Bill Clinton walk through debris Tuesday at Bermuda Beach on Galveston Island as they tour areas affected by Hurricane Ike.

devastation and determination

to come back,” said Bush as he and Clinton stood atop a chunk of concrete lying on a debris-riddled Galveston beach. “We’re going to do our best to try to help.”

Clinton said he and Bush know the country’s attention is on the current financial crises.

But he urged Americans to donate money to the Bush-Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund the former presidents started last month to help Texas and Louisiana communities hard-hit by this year’s hurricanes recover. Officials estimate Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which hit Louisiana on Sept. 1, combined to cause \$47 billion in damage.

“We don’t want Americans to forget about it,” Clinton said. “We’re trying to urge people to give to this fund to help (communities) come back quicker.”

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who joined the presidents on their tour of Galveston, is overseeing about 40 business and civic leaders from the affected region to help raise money for long-term recovery projects.

Bush and Clinton had a similar fundraising effort after 2005’s Hurricane Katrina.

Baker said \$1.5 million has so far been donated but he knows it will be hard to raise money in today’s troubled economy.

“The focus of the country is on the hurricane in the financial sector and away from the hurricane here,” Baker said. “We are trying to get that focus back.”

Bush and Clinton also visited a community center where residents told them about their

rebuilding efforts and lives with government aid.

Clinton said he believed the response by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Ike was better than the agency’s highly criticized handling of Katrina.

The former presidents ended their tour surveying the hard hit beaches on Galveston’s west end, where Ike’s 12-foot storm surge wiped away homes, scattering wood, mattresses, furniture, pavement and other debris across the sand.

Bush, who lives in nearby Houston, said the destruction on Galveston “hits close to my heart” because he has visited the island many times.

“These people are hurting,” Clinton said. “We’ve got to do what we can to help them.”

Retired professor promotes healing message about incurable diseases

By Amanda Ochoa
Reporter

Through her own personal story of fighting an incurable illness, retired Baylor professor Dr. Kay Toombs hopes to promote healing even in the absence of a cure, through her lecture “Living at the Boundary: Healing and Incurable Illness.”

Toombs was a professor for the department of philosophy for 13 years, and she created the first medical humanities course available for students at Baylor.

Although Toombs retired, she continues to lecture important healthcare issues to students.

“I hope that those who go to the lecture will have a greater understanding of healing and care-giving for patients living with incurable illnesses,” Toombs said.

Toombs will reflect on her own experiences living with multiple sclerosis and her firsthand experience with a chronic neurological illness.

In the lecture, Toombs will discuss the significant last six months she shared with her husband. Her husband, who was diagnosed with cancer, also had a fatal illness.

Toombs said it is important for her to send a certain message through her lecture.

“While an illness has no cure there, there is still the need to understand the challenges that

those patients will still face,” Toombs said. “I hope to educate the audience on how important the personal, professional and emotional relationships are between patients and healthcare professionals.”

Toombs is an award-winning author of many publica-

“She will give students in the medical world a different and open perspective they probably wouldn’t have received from the outside.”

Cassie Morgan
Allen senior

tions. Her well-known books include *The Meaning of Illness*, *The Handbook of Phenomenology and Medicine* and her latest work as a co-author for the book *Disability: The Social, Political and Ethical Debate*, which is not yet published.

In her book, *The Meaning of Illness*, Kay Toombs made clear the frequent mismatch between physicians’ and patients’ emotional perspectives, according to Eric J. Cassel’s article titled, “Doctors and Their Feelings: A Pharmacology.”

Cassie Morgan, Allen senior, medical humanities student assistant and entertainment

chair for Relay for Life, said she believes Dr. Toombs is the perfect lecturer for the annual Medical Humanities lecture.

Morgan knows that Dr. Toombs’ professional background and knowledge of medical humanities, healthcare and chronic illnesses will give the audience an informative, reliable and insightful lecture that will target important, yet largely unspoken-of issues in the medical field.

“I am looking forward to hearing about her life and learning from someone who is a patient,” Morgan said. “She will give students in the medical world a different and open perspective they probably wouldn’t have received from the outside.”

Morgan believes that this lecture will primarily show premedical, pre-healthcare and social work students the wonderful, humane side to the medical field.

Morgan said she feels that through Dr. Toombs’ lecture, healthcare professionals will realize that it is important to listen to their patients and to see them as individuals and not just victims of an incurable illness.

Dr. Kay Toombs will give her lecture, “Living at the Boundary: Healing and Incurable Illness” today in room D109 Baylor Sciences Building at 4:30 p.m. as an important contribution to this year’s Medical Humanities Annual Lecture.

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Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant offers Tex-Mex cuisine at the Central Texas Marketplace. The restaurant is located at 4719 S. Jack Kultgen Expy.

Mexican restaurant a failure in flavor

By Natalie Flemming
Contributor

Waco abounds with Tex-Mex restaurants and as a Tex-Mex cuisine connoisseur, I was eager to try Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant, situated in the Central Texas Marketplace. But Don Carlos' food failed to live up to the attractive dining atmosphere.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

The patio is complete with a small fountain and greenery, as well as festive lights for after dark. The patio is perfect for outside dining, but actual flavor of the dining choices is open for improvement.

The inside dining area is welcoming and décor is nicer than the typical Mexican restaurant. It is a lively setting for their happy hour, which runs daily from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Inside, however, the food was sub-par.

I prefer the chips hot but not the salsa. The complimentary salsa tasted like warm spaghetti sauce. The chips were hot and fresh, but abandoned for lack of a tasty dip. At least the freshly brewed sweet tea was blended well.

One enjoyable dish was the queso flameado appetizer. The flamed white cheese with chopped sausage is served with an insufficient supply of homemade flour tortillas. My friend from Mexico commented it was the closest thing to authentic flameado he has had in the States. While a little on the greasy side, this mouth-watering appetizer is a pleasant start to any meal.

The mixed beef and chicken

nachos were bland. Nachos are one of my personal favorites, but these were nothing special. Each nacho is individually stacked with refried beans, a mixture of melted American and white cheeses and the meat. The minute portions of additional toppings, guacamole, pico de gallo and sliced jalapenos, were barely enough to cover two chips, not the entire lot.

Another entrée, the enchiladas with beef, was dry. The shredded chicken enchilada was well spiced but the cheese filling was not completely melted. The sides were nothing special either, the rice was easy to overlook and the beans easy to forget.

Five different desserts are offered. I recommend the sopapillas. The hot sopapillas were thick and covered with enough cinnamon and powdered sugar to make anyone smile. Honey was provided in a syrup bottle. I would pass on the tres-leches cake. Not only is it the furthest from the traditional recipe, but also it falls short to satisfy even the simplest of palates.

The negative vibe from our waitress was a turn-off, as well, but various wait-staff came by to check on us. The manager made us feel welcome even if our waitress didn't. Various servers, happy to help, granted us refills.

Don Carlos serves less-than-quality food from what I would expect from the looks of the restaurant and the prices. I might return for happy hour, but overall I would not recommend it to friends.

Grade: D

Chic decorating tips on a budget

Editor's Note: This is the third installment of a column series where the Lariat explores living inexpensively.

By Melanie Crowson and
Christina Kruse
Reporters

The definition of chic, as defined by Webster's dictionary, is "a smart-elegance and sophistication, especially of dress or manner."

Baylor students may sometimes feel this definition is too expensive for their wallet, especially where decorating an apartment is concerned.

Although, there is a method to the decorating madness — entertaining guests, displaying good taste at a young age and, of course, proving that there is some knowledge of style within the college atmosphere.

Stick with us to discover that decorating in a chic way on a budget can be done.

Interior design major and Kingwood senior Emily King suggests several tips for decorating on a budget.

"Look through what you already have and see if there is any potential for creating something new to spice things up," she said.

King suggests taking an old set of curtains or sheets and making decorative pillows out of them.

"Don't limit yourself to only looking at name brand stores

like Target or Bed, Bath, and Beyond," King said. "Look at lesser known stores in the area, especially antique stores."

King also suggests looking in one-of-a-kind shops that offers one-of-a-kind products.



Illustration by Christina Kruse /
Photo Editor

Antique stores in the area include: Cameron Trading Company, located on 618 Austin Ave., Courtyard Classic Antiques, located on 4700 Bosque Blvd., or the Gossip Bench, 708 Austin Ave. Also, the flea market located on 2728 LaSalle goes from daylight until dark every

Saturday and Sunday.

For less do-it-yourself products, check out Spice Home Furnishings at 213 Mary Ave. and Honey's Home+Style at 1706 Austin Ave.

Decorations can be found anywhere, at any time. It just depends on what you are looking for.

A recent New York Times article showcased a room that used old dresser drawers as shelves, and CDs as wall decoration.

Lecturer of history Gabrielle Sutherland has had a lot of experience pertaining to decorating well — but with color.

She said painting an accent wall — if your landlord consents — would bring life to a room without costing a fortune.

Prices for interior paint range from \$10 to over \$100.

King's final suggestion is to get creative by creating your own artwork from scratch.

"Go to a craft store when they are having a sale on picture frames or canvases and get some paint or colorful paper and go at it," she said.

Also, look online for other good sources for decorating tips.

Finally, go neutral when buying large pieces of furniture such as a couch or large chair. Also, when buying large pieces, go for items that serve a dual purpose.

Decorating your apartment can be cheap and easy, depending on where you look and how you utilize things you already own.

Here is a useful Halloween decorating tip from www.marthastewart.com:

Candle Slip Covers

Materials Required:

- * Candles
- * Candle holders
- * Tissue Paper
- * Scissors or sharp utility knife
- * Double-sided tape

Directions

1. To make a lantern, measure the height and circumference of a cylindrical glass hurricane or votive
2. Cut out two rectangles of tissue paper in different colors to those dimensions.
3. Draw a spooky face on a piece of plain white paper, and lay it under one of the sheets of tissue paper. Trace the drawing; using a sharp utility knife, cut out the features.
4. Wrap the other sheet of tissue paper around the outside of the candle holder, and secure it with clear, double-faced tape.
5. Wrap the cut piece of tissue paper around the candle holder on top of the first piece, and secure it. Place a candle inside the holder; try using spice- or cinnamon-scented candles for a warm holiday touch.

Documentary shows players overcoming tragedy

By Justin Baer
Reporter

Walking on Dead Fish is a documentary portraying high school football. But this isn't just another football movie streaming through the box offices over the past few years.

MOVIEREVIEW

The film captures the rampant effects of Hurricane Katrina on high school football players destined for athletic scholarships. It examines how their lives were rocked suddenly by one of the most destructive storms in United States history.

Walking on Dead Fish spotlights East St. John High School, a school whose students come from economically challenged families.

With the financial burdens placed on their families, for many, an athletic scholarship is the only way to attend college.

All there hopes were jeopardized in late August of 2005 when Hurricane Katrina struck, causing levees to overflow and yielding billions of dollars worth of damage.

Located in La Place, La., a western suburb of New Orleans, East St. John inherited 350 students more than its capacity, including 20 football players.

One of displaced players was running back Johnny Owen, a junior that transferred in from Brother Martin. Brother Martin is polar opposite from East St. John. It's a college prep school, populated by a majority of white, upper-middle class students.

The incumbent running back for East St. John High was Stanley Jackson Jr.

After Jackson's performances were inferior to Owen's in try-outs, Owen snatched the starting position from a disgruntled Jackson.

By the time the season ended, Jackson earned some playing time back, but with the spotlight focused on Owen, any chance at a scholarship offer was slim.

The running back tandem was talented enough to lead East St. John High to the state semifinals, where they would lose in heartbreaking fashion.

It should come to no surprise that the film gears toward the running back position. The film was co-produced by former Heisman Trophy winner and current New Orleans Saint superstar, running back Reggie Bush.

Fellow Louisiana football hero Terry Bradshaw narrates the documentary. Bradshaw, who won four Super Bowl titles

with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1970s, has a thick, Cajun drawl that exemplifies the deep Louisiana culture.

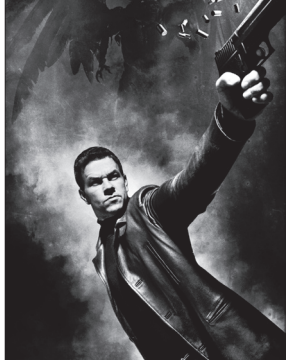
Overall, the movie is an eye-wakening story that is driven by an emotional plot.

The actual footage could be better. Sometimes clips seemed to be captured on home videos, which gets to be distracting.

As far as the attempt to mix an effective storyline into a football movie, the producers did a sufficient job. The one thing I wanted more of was how the hurricane affected the players' personal lives in ways other than football.

It seems to me more emotion could be drawn into the movie, but this film is still a must-watch movie, especially for sports fans.

Grade: B+




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Baylor to hold first practice since NCAA tournament exit

By Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

Baylor basketball season, which has lain dormant since May, is just days away, as the Bears' first official practice begins at 7 p.m. Friday.

For a squad that was mired in scandal just five years ago, the turnaround has given head coach Scott Drew reason to expect another NCAA tournament bid.

"Hopefully, it's going to be huge," he said. "It's just like raising kids. They first got to crawl, then they can walk and then they can run."

Baylor returns nearly all of its starters from a 21-11 squad, including preseason All-Big 12 selection Curtis Jerrells.

"I really appreciate (the award)," the senior point guard said. "It goes to say that our work isn't getting over-looked, but I've got to continue doing what got me there."

Baylor will add several transfers and freshmen to the squad, including Baylor football's inside receiver Kendall Wright, 6-foot-

7-inch freshman guard forward Quincy Acy and 6-foot-10-inch freshman forward Anthony Jones.

"The one thing that we lacked was some athleticism in that front line," Drew said. "Anthony (Jones) and Quincy (Acy) will really help."

Last season, Drew ran a guard-heavy offense with three guards, a forward and either a center or an additional forward. This year, the Bears have three additional incoming forwards and a guard, which will likely add to the athleticism for which Drew is looking.

However, the largest summer addition was a transfer from the University of Michigan — Ekpe Udoh.

"(Udoh), who we won't get a chance to see this year, will get us better in practice because you're going up against someone who broke Chris Rivers' blocked shots record as a sophomore at Michigan," Drew said. Since Udoh transferred, he will have to sit out a year.

Udoh was a selection to the Big Ten's All-Defensive team and

also help the team in another area every player mentioned: defense.

"We've proven that we can outscore anybody, but if we're not defending well, it means nothing," Jerrells said.

Baylor led the Big 12 Conference last season with 81.8 points per game, but limped in the standings on defense, ending last with 80.8 points against per game.

For many players, conditioning consumed the majority of their summer.

"It's really been a big thing for me to get running every day this summer and get back in shape," sophomore shooting guard LaceDarius Dunn said.

Baylor hasn't had an official practice since May, when the Bears fell to Purdue University 90-79 in the first round of the NCAA post-season tournament.

"Just getting to the tournament was a big thing (last year)," head coach Scott Drew said. "Now after being there and experiencing that I think everyone's goals have gone up."

That's certainly the case for



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Baylor Bears basketball head coach Scott Drew talks about the upcoming season during an optional team shoot-around at the Ferrell Center's practice court Tuesday. The first official practice will be at 7 p.m. Friday. The Bears will start a new season on Nov. 15, 2008 against Paul Quinn College at 3 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Ferrell Center, but will hold an exhibition Nov. 8 against Tarleton State University.

Baylor's most prolific forward, senior Kevin Rogers.

"I've been working on every part of my game: ball handling, shooting, definitely conditioning because we want to last longer," he said.

The Bears, who were picked to finish No. 3 in the Big 12, will have to keep producing if they are to finish with an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Rogers knows that.

"My goal is not to waste

time," he said. "This is my last go-around. A lot of guys realized at the end that it's over. I don't want to be one of those guys."

Baylor will return to the hardwood for competition against Paul Quinn College Nov. 15.

Football looks forward to challenging OSU game

By Garrett Turner
Staff Writer

The Baylor Bears are starting their two-game road trip in Stillwater this weekend, where they'll face No. 8 Oklahoma State University at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

As they come off last weekend's dominating performance against Iowa State University, the Bears hope to take that confidence into Boone Pickens Stadium and earn some respect.

"We're fighting hard for every inch," head coach Art Briles said. "We're not worried about yards, we're worried about inches on both sides of the ball, stopping them and making them. Right now we're fighting to get respect and to be a credible football team. We're a team that's known to be a tough team that plays with a lot of great effort."

Respect is a main priority for the football program. Coming off a disappointing 3-9 finish last season, the Bears have already matched their win total from last year.

Even better, this year's team did something last year's



Sarah Morris/Lariat staff

Baylor's starting running back, Jay Finley (left), runs past Iowa State University's linebacker, Ernest Ferguson (right), in a 38-10 victory Saturday. Baylor will travel to Stillwater, Okla., for a contest against No. 8 Oklahoma State University. The Cowboys are fresh off an 28-23 upset of then-No. 3 University of Missouri.

couldn't — win a Big 12 game.

The Bears face the daunting task of controlling an Oklahoma State offense that ranks No. 1 in the Big 12 in scoring offense and No. 4 in total offense.

Last week, however, the Bears controlled an offense

that put up 35 points the week before against No. 16 University of Kansas.

"(We) are playing with a lot of confidence right now," Briles said. "It will be a real good match for our defense. We're coming off a great defensive effort

against Iowa State and I have a lot of confidence in our guys for this week."

This week's highlighted match-up will definitely be the Bear defense against the Cowboy offense.

The Cowboy's run a read-based offense that will force all 11 defensive players to stay true to their tackling lanes and defensive assignments, starting middle linebacker Joe Pawelek said.

"They are obviously a great offense," Pawelek said. "I think we need to focus on all 11 guys on the field knowing their responsibility and really doing what they're supposed to do. With that type of offense, if they see one guy falling off and not being where he needs to be, that's the area they will attack."

This offense premieres the third-most efficient quarterback in the nation, junior Zac Robinson, and the third-leading rusher in the nation, sophomore Kendall Hunter.

In addition, there is sophomore Dez Bryant, who ranks No. 12 in receiving yards in the nation and is one of the dark horse candidates for the Heis-

man trophy.

"They are very good offensively," Briles said. "Robinson is a very good quarterback, very confident, very poised and I think he's very athletic. Hunter is a downhill runner. (He's) a real explosive guy. He comes off the ball with full speed. (Bryant) has been a big time player for them, especially this year. They got players that are making plays. That gives them a chance to get it done on the offensive side of the ball."

Going into Stillwater this weekend is a challenge in itself. However, going into the game after a huge Big 12 win enhances the team's attitude toward this game.

Freshman quarterback Robert Griffin said he realizes the challenges of going on the road two games in a row, but said he hopes to build on their recent success.

"It was really big," Griffin said. "It got us back to 3-3. We're going to build on that going on the road. It's not going to be easy going into two hostile places that are looking for wins. We got to go up there and earn our respect."

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Big 12 equestrian begins

The equestrian team heads to Manhattan, Kan., Friday. Starting the season at 3-0, the team is currently ranked No. 6 in first ever Women's Intercollegiate Equestrian National Coaches Poll. The team has already swept the competition at their own Willis Invitational.

BU visits No. 2 Nebraska

The women's volleyball team travels to the University of Nebraska to face the No. 2 ranked team in the nation at 7 p.m. tonight. Coming off a loss to Iowa State University, the Bears hope to utilize Katie Sanders and Big 12 conference block leader Anna Breyfigle to get a much-needed win.

Golf finishes in 4th place

The men's golf team finished fourth at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate in Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday. The Bears were led by sophomore Cody Paladino, who tied for sixth. The Bears had two other top-20 finishers: Joakim Mikkelsen, who finished tied for 15th and Lorenzo Scott, who finished tied for 20th.

Compiled by Garrett Turner

Cowboys trade 3 picks for Lion's Roy Williams

By Paul J. Weber
The Associated Press

IRVING — Roy Williams headed home to Texas on Tuesday in the NFL's biggest trade before the deadline, giving the struggling Dallas Cowboys another proven receiver opposite Terrell Owens.

The winless Detroit Lions traded their unhappy 2004 first-round pick and one-time Pro Bowler for three draft picks, from the first, third and sixth round in 2009. Detroit also gave the Cowboys a seventh-rounder next year.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he struck the deal two minutes before the NFL trade deadline.

"I'm more happy to be a Dallas Cowboy then when I got my first bike," said Williams, an Odessa native who starred at the University of Texas.

Williams' best season was 2006, when he went to the Pro Bowl after catching 82 passes for 1,310 yards and seven touchdowns. He has 17 catches for 232 yards and a score this season, and has 262 career passes for 3,884 yards and 29 TDs.

"We felt like right now that was the best thing for us to do as a football team. It gives us something for the future. You're looking at the possibility of having five of the first hundred (2009) picks," Lions general manager Martin Mayhew said. "It was a pragmatic business decision."

Soon after announcing the deal, the Cowboys said that they had given Williams a five-year extension on his contract that was set to expire after this

season.

The Cowboys acquired their new star hours after learning they lost another in cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, whom NFL commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Tuesday for at least four games.

Goodell will determine the full length of the suspension following the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16. Jones was in repeated legal trouble while with the Tennessee Titans and was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas.

Jerry Jones, who has never shied from adding players with checkered pasts to the Cowboys locker room, made a point Tuesday to mention Williams' "outstanding character, no matter who you talk to."

Williams said the first phone call he received after the trade was from Owens, who has complained recently about not getting enough catches in an offense that lost quarterback Tony Romo this week for perhaps a month with a broken finger in his throwing hand.

Jerry Jones said Owens was "elated and beside himself" upon hearing the trade. Williams said he and T.O. talked about winning.

"We got two guys out there that can really run, they're big, but as you know, both of them can really make spectacular catches," Jones said.

Williams is expected to begin practicing with the Cowboys on Wednesday, and play in their game Sunday at St. Louis.

Williams will line up opposite Owens in an offense that



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Receiver Roy Williams (11) catches a pass at Ford Field in Detroit. The Dallas Cowboys traded a 2009 first-round pick plus a third- and sixth-rounder for Williams and a seventh-round pick in '09.

has not had a clear No. 2 receiver since waiving veteran Terry Glenn this summer. Tight end Jason Witten leads the Cowboys with 39 catches and two touchdowns after six games. Owens has 23 catches and 5 TDs.

The Cowboys have filled the gap with Patrick Crayton and Miles Austin. Now they will have two of the NFL's biggest, most physical receivers — both

worthy of double coverage.

After the trade, Williams talked as if he had found a new mentor in Owens, whom he made clear was "the No. 1 guy."

"I've never had an older wide receiver to show me the way," Williams said.

Jerry Jones said Tuesday he said he'd been trying to pry Williams from Detroit for two years.

Soccer suffers double weekend road losses

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

After two tough road losses over the weekend, the Baylor soccer team returns home to take on No. 11 Oklahoma State University at 7 p.m. Friday, and then celebrate Senior Day against the University of Oklahoma at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Bears' weekend losses included a double-overtime 2-1 loss at Texas Tech University (7-6-1, 2-5-0) and a 4-0 blowout loss against a University of Colorado team (11-2-2, 5-1-1) that is now ranked No. 15.

"It was a hard weekend for us in terms of travel," head coach Marci Jobson said.

Freshman midfielder Bethany Johnston scored Baylor's lone goal in the game against Texas Tech in the eighth minute of play and Baylor seemed poised to take home another win, until Tech's freshman forward Katie Hinds sent a header past red shirt freshman goal Courtney Seelhorst in the 89th minute.

"Texas Tech was a heartbreaker," sophomore midfielder Lindsey Johnson said. "It was a really tough loss, losing in the last couple minutes of the game."

Jobson said the team played well the majority of the time, but that now the game will be a good lesson for the team.

"If you have a team down you can't let them get back up and breathe," she said. "Those wins don't come easy. You've got to push through to that last final second."

Despite the close game against the Raiders, the Bears' next game against the Buffaloes was somewhat more lopsided in

favor of Colorado.

"We came out flat against one of the best teams in the country," Jobson said. "They played outstanding and we came out flat and when those two things mix you're going to give up goals."

Colorado's four goals were more than any other team has put up on the Baylor defense in any game this year. Some of that may be attributed to freshman defender Alyssa Anderson going down in the second half of the Tech game with an injury to her hamstring.

"Alyssa's a huge part of our back line," Jobson said. "Hopefully we have her back by this weekend. We need all our players healthy."

They'll need her against Oklahoma State University (12-1-1, 3-1-1). The Cowgirls lead the Big 12 with 3.64 goals per game.

"They're pretty good at everything. They have a solid defense, they're pretty good in the attack and they have a great midfield," Jobson said. "It's going to be a good challenge for us."

Sunday's game against the University of Oklahoma (1-12-1, 0-4-1) will in all likelihood prove less challenging. The Sooners have only won one game all year and are 0-4-1 in conference play, but taking the lesson from the Texas Tech game, the Bears don't look to go easy on anybody.

"They beat us last year 3-1," Jobson said. "We want to show them that we're a different team."

The match will also be the last home game of the season and the seniors' careers. They will be honored before play begins at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.