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Baylor admits 'goof' with SAT retakes

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

After being denounced by college admissions circles nationwide for financially enticing enrolled freshmen to retake the SAT, Baylor officials said Thursday they made a mistake. "Did we goof? Yeah we goofed," said Lori Fogleman, director of media relations. "In hindsight we really regret having provided the cash incentive for retaking the SAT this summer."

Incoming freshmen who accepted the offer received \$300 in bookstore credit, along with a \$1,000 scholarship if they

earned 50 or more points higher than their original score.

Fogleman added she was unaware if Baylor originally had plans to make the program a recurring practice, but said with certainty the university has decided not to do it again.

"We have heard and understand the criticism of the action we took, and we won't again provide cash incentives to retest," Fogleman said.

According to reports, the cost of the program amounted to \$862,000 for this year and was funded by the financial aid office.

"The total for each year after that can't be determined now

because the renewal of merit-based scholarships is contingent upon other future factors, such as a student's cumulative GPA," Fogleman said.

Baylor officials have contended the aim was to distribute available merit scholarship aid. When asked why there was excess money available and if this was the first year Baylor had leftover funds, Fogleman repeated, "there was merit scholarship aid available."

Admitted students can still retake the SAT on national testing days beyond the February 15 admissions deadline next year for a chance to enhance their academic portfolio.

However, Fogleman said Baylor has not decided whether it will offer the residual SAT again.

Of the 861 students who accepted the offer, 469 retested at a national testing site, while 392 took the residual SAT at Baylor. The two tests are both scored by the College Board, which oversees SAT testing, but the residual score is only accepted at Baylor and is non-transferable to other schools.

Fogleman said that from Baylor's understanding it's permissible to include the residual scores when submitting university profile reports to college ranking organizations.

Robert Morse, director of data research for the U.S. News & World Report, said he was unsure at this point if the residual scores can be factored into its overall college rankings.

"Since this has never come up before and not part of the definition of what can and cannot be counted, it would need more research," Morse said.

Morse said it depends on whether or not the College Board deems the scores equal to the national testing day scores. If they say no, Morse said, then the scores might not be considered.

"If they say yes, then the question is: does Baylor have

two scores on file for each student—one original score and one new score that can't be transferred?" Morse said, adding that this could complicate the decision.

Garland senior Bryan Fonville, student body president, said Student Government was "terribly disappointed" in learning of the university's decision. After first hearing about the issue in late September when a member of Student Government brought up a complaint, Fonville said they held informal meetings with Dr. Georgia Green, chair of Faculty Senate,

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Voters flock to polls early

By Ashley Corinne Killough
Staff Writer

Monday marked the beginning of early voting in Texas, a period when registered voters can conveniently cast ballots at polling sites in their counties until Oct. 31.

Preparing for a massive turnout with record numbers, election officials are setting up additional polling sites and adding more workers statewide, as reported by the Associated Press.

Until Oct. 31, voters in McLennan County can vote at any one of the five designated early voting locations. On Nov. 4, however, they must vote at their assigned precincts, which can be found on voter registration cards.

Waco's main early voting site is located at McLennan County Elections Administration Office Records Building at 214 North Fourth St., Suite 300. The locations for the other three Waco stations and the Robinson station can be found at the elections office Web site: www.co.mclennan.tx.us/elections/index.html.

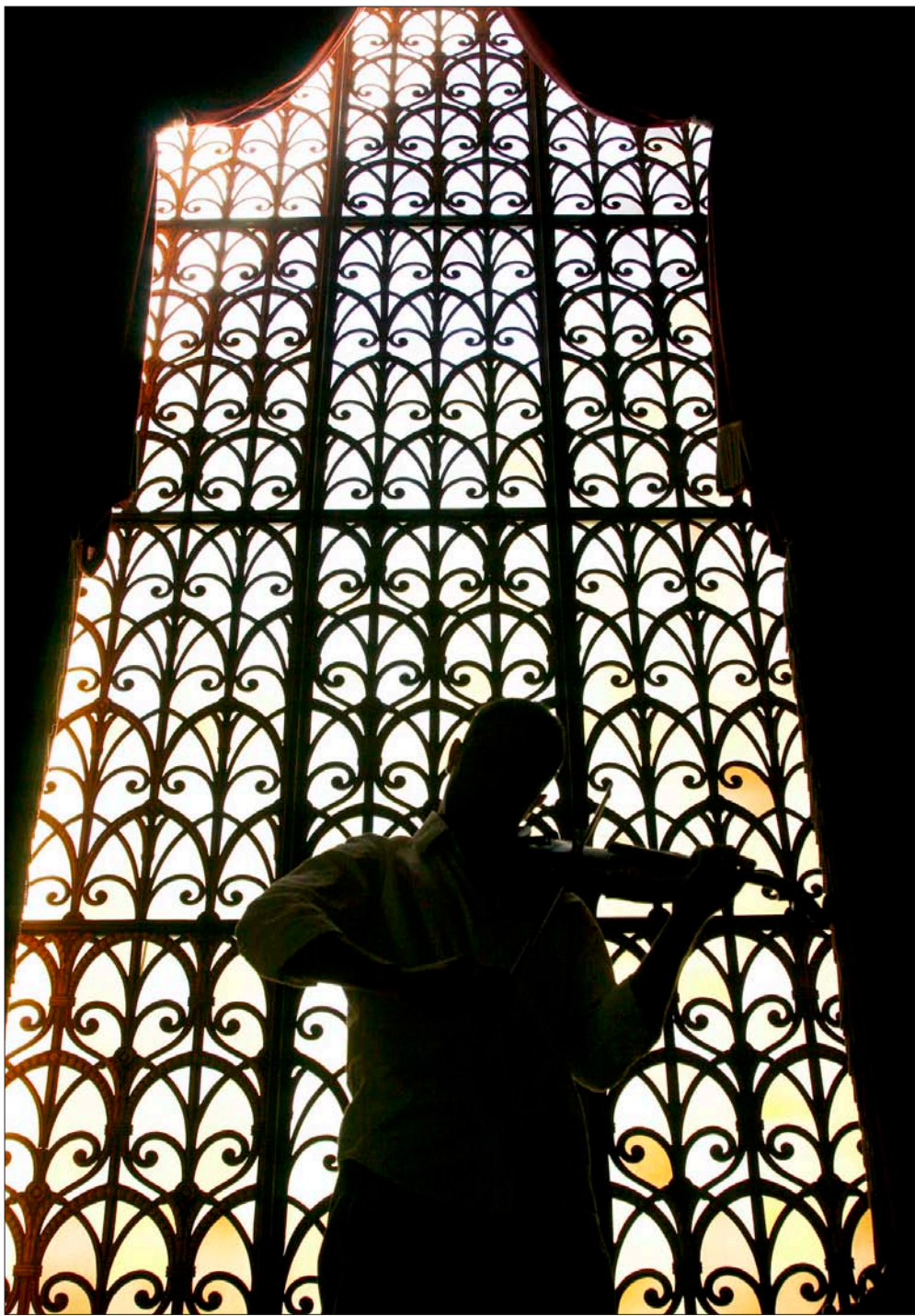
Monday through Friday, the hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Next week's hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters should bring their voter registration cards. Other accepted forms of identification include driver's licenses, birth certificates, passports or employment identification cards.

For those registered in Texas counties other than McLennan County, voters must submit a request for an absentee ballot. Information on application specifics can be found by contacting home county elections offices. The deadline to accept requests for an absentee ballot is Oct. 28, and all ballots must be returned by Nov. 4.

Besides the presidential race, voters will be voting on District 17's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, currently occupied

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Alex Song/Lariat Staff

Got the world on a string

Sugarland senior Johann Acuna plays the violin in preparation for a concert Monday in the Armstrong Browning Library. A Women's Choir and Men's Choir concert will be held tonight at the Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Violent crime rate soars

By Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

Rates of violent crime, aggravated assault and rape in Waco increased in the last year and remain higher than the national average.

According to statistics released by the F.B.I., Waco's violent crime rate is 678 per 100,000 persons, about 150 percent higher than the national rate of 466.9. Waco's rate of aggravated assault is 463.4, also 150 percent higher than the national rate of 283.8. And the rate of rape is more than twice as high in Waco, 71.5, than the national average, 30.

Numbers have increased from 2006, with Waco's violent crime rate at 555.3, rape rate at 52.8 and aggravated assault at 371.8.

Waco's murder rate of 3.9 has gone down since 2006, and remains lower than the national rate of 5.6.

Monday, a man was tried for setting his mother, aunt and another woman on fire after having an argument.

Friday, Joseph Joiner of Waco was arrested and charged with aggravated assault for allegedly stabbing his sister in the head with a set of keys.

Last week, Waco conducted three felony trials, including two murder trials and one aggravated robbery.

One of the murder cases involved Robert Allen Byrd, a member of the Aryan Circle, a violent white supremacist gang that operates in and out of the Texas prison system. He was charged with kidnapping and stabbing to death a woman who was also affiliated with the gang.

The other was for Eric Wil-

liams, who was charged with the murder of in death of his girlfriend, a mother of three, when his friend found her decomposing body.

On Oct. 13, Jeremy Lowrey was charged with capital murder and attempted capital murder. He was held in lieu of a \$7.5 million bail.

Poverty may parallel crime rates. While crime in Waco is twice as high in some cases, Wacoans have half as much money.

The Waco average per capita income is \$14,584, less than half the national average of \$38,611. In Waco, 26.3 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, a rate twice as high as the national average of 12.5 percent.

According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, people are considered to live in poverty if they make less than \$10,400 a year, plus \$3,600 for each additional person in their household.

"Poverty has something to do with crime of both violent and property crimes," said Dr. Sung Joon Jang, associate professor of sociology at Baylor.

Jang said he believes that poverty creates foundational problems that cause crime to be a part of society.

"It's not simply because you are poor that you commit crime," he said. "Parents of poor families tend to practice undesirable parenting, not simply because they are 'bad' parents, but also they cannot afford staying at home," he said.

This causes a generation of unsupervised children, and reduces social control at the

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Study to explore Christian, environment links

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

Keeping with the ever-growing trend of environmental awareness, Dr. Paul Martens, professor of religion, is launching a study about how Christians are connecting with the environment. Martens received a grant from the University Research Committee and is now commencing his research.

"The topic (of the environment) seems unrelated to my field of study, but it isn't," he said. "We are focusing on organizations who claim to be Christians and then denominations of Christianity. We will analyze data from both of these ends

and see what organized Christianity is actually doing: how they are engaging and articulating in their environments."

After "exhausting all possibilities" of finding these organizations by phone and internet, Martens compiled a fairly rigorous survey to send out to the groups. The survey includes questions about what environmental projects the organizations are doing, how many people are involved and if they have a mission statement or base their actions on any underlying theology.

"We are trying to discern whether it is primarily Christians individually doing these environmental projects, or if



Photo Illustration by Christina Kruse

there are organizational efforts actually functioning," Martens said. "We want to get an accurate picture of what's going on, and no one's done this in recent years. In many ways, if we know

where we are, we can know where we need to be."

Martens teaches an environmental ethics class every semester, and the idea for the project began to form after talking with

a graduate student looking to do research on the relationship between the environment and theology, he said.

"One reason I came to Baylor was to do some type of work with the doctrinal creation and environmental ethics," said Brandon Frick, doctoral student of religion. "Dr. Martens and I got to talking about the state of that within the church, and in our discussions we came to realize that there are a lot of groups, churches, religious organizations doing a lot of different environmental things for a lot of different reasons."

With their research, Martens

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Baylor 2012 should not come at cost of integrity

A number of articles have come out in the past weeks discussing the decision to give freshmen scholarships if they retook the SAT. These have proven to be unsettling, especially as many of them were in national newspapers.

Ultimately, the decision about SAT scores is really just a symptom of a larger problem. As Baylor progresses towards its 2012 goal, it's seems more and more intent on fulfilling as many of the imperatives as possible. There is a serious problem with this mentality, though. We seem so anxious to reach these goals that we aren't considering whether we're actually improv-

ing as a university. In this case, we're trying to improve the appearance of our student's scores without actually attracting higher-scoring students.

Consider some of the other 2012 initiatives that we're trying to accomplish: Baylor is trying to get 50 percent of the student body to live on campus, but we don't have enough parking spots for students who are already here. We're at 103 percent capacity of our current residence halls, in an effort to keep enough students on campus to reach this goal.

Perhaps it would be wise to make sure we can accommodate all of the students already living

point of view

BY PARKER SHORT

on campus first.

One of the most important imperatives of 2012 was Baylor's stated target of a \$2 billion endowment. It was going to be used to finance all of the other imperatives. Instead, we've raised tuition substantially every year to compensate for money that hasn't been donated, and it looks like it will keep going up.



The Board of Regents commissioned a report about how much money the Baylor endowment hasn't received due to infighting, and the numbers are staggering. The Waco Tribune Herald reported that \$400 million in donations have been withheld due to infighting within the Baylor family. However, we continue to march forward toward 2012 while charging students more for it.

And of course, this SAT exposé has simply pointed out another case in which we're trying too hard for our own good. Paying students to retake the test simply to make them appear better isn't just a poor financial

decision; it's questionable on an ethical level as well.

How can it be that we can afford to spend hundred of thousands of dollars on something this frivolous and at the same time raise tuition 7 percent? This decision sends out a dangerous message — that Baylor's appearance is more important than Baylor's students.

Let me be clear: I am not against Vision 2012. It has pushed Baylor to be better than before, and that is always commendable.

However, as we approach this important year, we need to step back and consider what we, as a university, are really trying to

accomplish. We all love Baylor and want it to be great, but if we grow too fast and beyond our means, we only end up hurting ourselves.

If we continue to raise tuition to support all of these endeavors, we will end up pricing a Baylor education out of the range of the current and potential students and children of alumni who have helped make Baylor the great place that it is today. Vision 2012 should not come at the cost of Baylor's identity and integrity.

Parker Short is a senior international business and entrepreneurship major from Dallas and is the student body internal vice president.

Editorial

SAT reversal commendable but too little, too late

Baylor University garnered a storm of negative media attention from the likes of The New York Times and The Chronicle of Higher Education after the Lariat revealed the university paid incoming freshmen to retake the SAT for higher scores. In light of this, it's not a surprise that Baylor officials have officially denounced the SAT retesting as a "goof" that won't be committed again.

While it's commendable that the university humbly admitted fault, this admittance came only after receiving national negative publicity. The most regrettable part is that this whole ordeal could have been avoided if university officials were more transparent in their dealings and sought the input of faculty and college testing experts before offering cash incentives for the retesting.

The university offered this year's freshmen incentives to the tune of a \$1,000 scholarship each year for four years for raising their SAT score by at least 50 points, in addition to a \$300 bookstore gift certificate just for taking the test.

The incentives lured a total of 861 students to retake the test after being admitted and enrolled at the university. The incentives for freshmen cost the university roughly \$862,000 this year. This number does not

include scholarship money to be paid to students in future years in conjunction with the retesting.

The Times published three articles on the retesting, including an editorial. Other news outlets, such as The Chronicle of Higher Education, The Associated Press and insidehighered.com, all ran stories on the retesting.

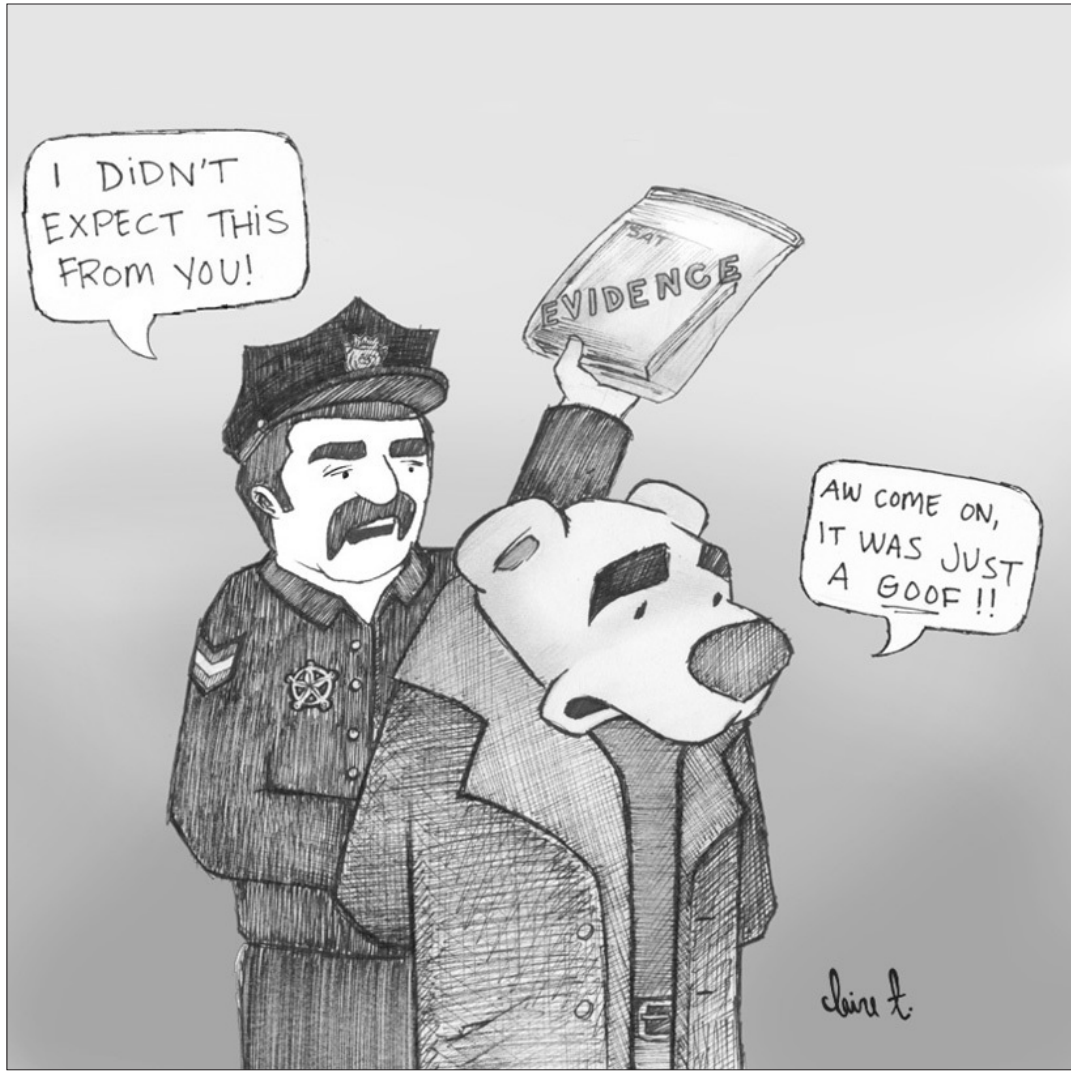
Each article was loaded with comments from authoritative sources such as David A. Hawkins, director of public policy and research for the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC); and Robert Schaeffer, the public education director for FairTest, who both damned the university's retesting.

"This appears to be the type of misuse of undergraduate admission tests that the NACAC Testing Commission sought to identify and correct," Hawkins said.

Schaeffer called the retesting "a straightforward, cynical attempt to manipulate test score averages to boost Baylor's rankings."

The Faculty Senate here at Baylor also passed a motion disapproving of the retesting, stating, "This practice is academically dishonest and should be discontinued."

In addition to all the buzz,



there's some speculation that Baylor violated the ethics code of the NACAC, which states that universities shouldn't use standardized test scores as a single criterion for awarding financial aid.

In short, the SAT retesting has cast a shadow of doubt on the ethics of the higher-ups at our university. It has caused some to ponder whether Baylor did this for selfish reasons, such as boosting its national standing in rankings such as U.S. News and World Report, in

which Baylor slipped from No. 75 to 76 this year.

Baylor should have foreseen a potential problem with enacting such a program. Now our officials have to do damage control on a mess they could have easily avoided.

Even though officials are now making the right choice by admitting fault, their apology is too little, too late. Though we applaud their vow to abandon the SAT program, our reputation in the eyes of several college admissions professionals,

alumni, current students, families of prospective students and, possibly our peer universities has been tarnished.

If, in the spirit of transparency, there had been some discussion about the prospect of holding a retesting and offering cash incentives, university officials would have seen the potential backlash to the SAT program and not offered it.

With any luck, the damage done is not irreversible, and we can reaffirm our university as fair and ethical.

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The Oct. 16 article, "Professor finds mentally-ill experience negative interactions at church," incorrectly stated that Diana Garland is dean of the social work department when she is actually the dean of the School of Social Work.

Letters to the editor

Campaigning should be allowed

Following the last presidential debate the editor of the Lariat stated online that a campus-wide e-mail had been sent saying that all campaigning on campus would cease October 7. How can this be?

It is understandable that faculty, staff and administration should not be allowed to campaign while at work. It is not understandable why the university ordered its students to cease and desist campaigning. This is disturbing to me.

It would seem that a school

that cherishes and promotes Baylor's values would be glad to see students interested enough in their future and their country's future to be actively participating in the current political process.

*Barbara M. Nash
Alumna, 1957*

Losing Oliver is a loss for Baylor

It is with mixed emotions that I read your October 15 article regarding Dr. Dub Oliver's departure from Baylor to lead East Texas Baptist University as their next president. While I

am extremely happy for Dub, as he is being appropriately recognized for his accomplishments, I know this is a loss for Baylor. Few administrators of our great university have his aplomb, candor and undying love for students.

As an undergrad from 1994-1998, I had the unique pleasure to interact with him through his role as director of student activities. He became a mentor, leader and friend not only to me, but to literally hundreds of others who had the opportunity to know him.

Dub, we will miss seeing you

and your family on campus. I know you will serve East Texas Baptist University well with the same care and tenacity as you served Baylor. I can only hope and pray that you return one day to serve Baylor again.

*Don Kersting
Alumnus, 1998*

Solve SAT problem by removing responsible party from position

The way that our university has been stained by some of the most prominent newspapers in the country is disgusting.

In all of the articles that have

been published on this matter it seems that no one is willing to take the blame for this, but there is only one person who could have single-handedly prevented this from happening.

It is obvious that the highest authority on this matter, the vice president for finance and administration, had to sign off on this project, and so he did.

I believe that this could have all stopped before it started, but now that the damage has been done, Baylor should take action to eliminate the problem at hand.

I believe that the only way to

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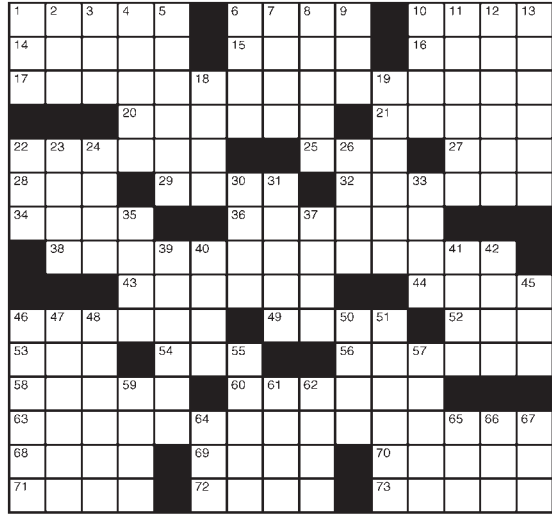
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By Verna Suit
Silver Spring, MD

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For today's crossword and sudoku answers, visit www.baylor.edu/Lariat



Christina Kruse /Lariat Staff

Coppell junior Stacey Walter., along with other members of Bears for Life, are protesting abortion today by wearing red tape on the mouth or arm. The words “Life” are written on the tape. “They’re voiceless, so this is petitioning on behalf of them — not to everyone but to God”, Walter said.

Group vows day of silence

By Rebecca LaFlure
Reporter

Bears for Life, an anti-abortion organization on campus, will take a vow of silence today for the national Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity. Participants will wear a red armband with the word “Life” written on the front of the band, symbolizing their opposition to current abortion laws.

Bears for Life president Luke Womble said that he and thousands of other Americans will lose their voice for a day for those who will never have one.

As of Monday, 4,042 schools have registered for the protest and 22 Bears for Life members have agreed to participate. Members will carry flyers explaining the purpose of their silence.

Womble said while he knows he is not likely to change a person's views solely on this day, he hopes to raise awareness of the abortion issue.

“The big thing is that we get so caught up in our day-to-day life with school, extracurricular activities, friends — which is all important — but we get distracted from things that we feel

should be addressed,” Womble said. “We want people to think about the issue so there's no pacifism as an excuse, or ignorance as an excuse.”

Womble said that his views are largely based on Christian values, but as a political science major, he thinks about abortion in legal terms as well.

“The basic underlying reason is my religious views because I believe life is sacred and life is an inherent right, but that right there has been acknowledged in our founding document, The Declaration of Independence,” Womble said. “We are endowed with three inalienable rights: right to life, liberty and property. Life is the fundamental right that we all have and if we're not willing to respect that, then how can we expect other rights to be respected as well?”

Morgan Black, a senior from the Virgin Islands and supporter of legalized abortions, said it is understandable for people to hold an anti-abortion opinion based on religious views, as long as it's not imposed on others.

“I think that it's a personal choice between a family what to do with a pregnancy,” Black said.

“I don't believe it's anybody's right to choose what somebody does with their own body.”

Black said the debate over when life begins is continuous and has not been proven either way.

“The thought that life begins at conception is an ever-changing opinion,” Black said. “It's not proven. Some believe life begins at conception, some believe life begins at six weeks, some believe life begins when you're born. The founders could not imagine this dilemma. Nowhere in any document does it clearly state where life begins or why life begins where, and nobody can agree. So how can you have one law that needs to apply to all when nobody can agree?”

Bears for Life was chartered in 1998 and currently has 30 members, a significant increase from just four members last year.

Vice President Rachana Chhin said he is excited to see a large influx of passionate, dedicated freshmen.

“At the end of this time here at Baylor, if what we do saves one child, it'll be totally worth it,” Chhin said.

Former professor gives alternative to Darwinian evolution theory

Jennifer Sutton
Reporter

Dr. William A. Dembski, author of “The Intelligent Design” and former Baylor professor, will return to present a lecture on intelligent design.

The lecture, sponsored by Baylor's aspiring student chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation, is titled “Darwin's Unpaid Debt,” and will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in 109 Robert M. and Louise Rogers Engineering and Computer Science Building.

Dembski will discuss gaps perceived in the Darwinian evolutionary theory and how intelligent design fills some of these gaps. It will give an alternative to the Darwinian theory of evolution.

Dembski said that evolution is strictly a blind process of change that is without intelligent design.

Intelligent design, however, suggests that there are reasons and patterns to the evolutionary process that suggest an intelligent originator.

Dembski's abstract for his theory states that “Darwinism and evolutionary biology more generally, committed as they are to unguided material mecha-

nisms, do not have the resources to solve biology's information problem.”

Dembski said Darwin's theory was too limited and needed to be supplemented.

Baylor's student chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation holds lectures every other Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in varying locations around campus.

This student organization is waiting for national recognition from the American Scientific Affiliation but they need 10 full-time members to be recognized.

According to Stanton Greer, vice president of the chapter, the general reason for the lectures is to discuss issues regarding freedom and understanding of science.

“The purpose of all of our lectures is to look at issues regarding science and faith,” said Dr. Walter Bradley, distinguished professor of engineering and a faculty adviser to the aspiring chapter.

According to the American Scientific Affiliation Web site, the organization is a “fellowship of men and women in science and disciplines that relate to science who share a common fidelity to the Word of God and

a commitment to integrity in the practice of science.”

“The students basically get the speaker together,” Bradley said. “They are motivated by what they find to be interesting questions in the subject area.”

According to Bradley, the lecture attendance typically ranges from 40 to 50 people.

Bradley said that the officers of the chapter decide on who will lecture.

For example, Dembski said members of the chapter approached him, asking him to speak.

“They are purposefully bringing in people with differing points of view that they can learn from,” he said.

Bradley said that Dembski will be the first speaker they have brought in to speak about intelligent design. He said they wanted to discuss this topic so they would have a well-rounded set of lectures that show all sides.

Dembski left Baylor in 2000 after a controversy over the merits of intelligent design research.

“It'll be nice to be back on campus,” Dembski said. “I look forward to meeting with the students and faculty.”

Off-campus crime hits home

By Melanie Crowson
Reporter

While Baylor aims to reduce crime at on-campus housing with campus police and student identification verification, students living off-campus are at greater risk for becoming victims of burglary and crime.

“It's a shame, but it happens everywhere,” Waco police media spokesman Steve Anderson said.

According to the crime statistics available at the Waco police Web site, the Baylor neighborhood, which is the area with the borders of Interstate 35 to Loop 340, to 18th Street to Brazos River, is ranked tenth in highest number of crimes reported as of September 2008.

The Richland Hills neighborhood, with the borders of North Valley Mills Drive to Highway 6, is ranked first with the highest number of reported crimes.

Of the 91 offenses reported in the Baylor neighborhood, 10 crimes were burglaries of homes or buildings, according to the Waco police statistics.

“The majority of home burglaries occur in the daytime, whenever no one is at home,” Anderson said. “For students especially, because in the areas where large amounts of students live, after 9 a.m. the entire neighborhood is vacated.”

Two Baylor students and a

McLennan Community College student, who do not wish to be identified, were victims of a burglary Oct. 10 at their home located on 3rd Street and Gurley Lane. No one was home at the time of the burglary.

Among the items stolen were two laptops, three MP3 players, one digital camera, two watches and a wallet, which contained a house key along with credit cards and cash. The resident's chihuahua puppy was also stolen, said one of the victims. An estimated total of \$5,000 to \$7,000 in electronics were stolen in the burglary.

“The (Waco) police were really cooperative with us,” said one of the victims, an MCC student.

The owner of the Chihuahua puppy said she was upset with the burglary, but not because of the thousands of dollars-worth of electronics that were stolen.

“Take my stuff — I can replace that — but not my dog,” she said. “Not Juno.”

The Web site, www.Findjuno.com, has been created in dedication to the victim's puppy, and in an effort to recover the stolen companion.

For a detailed map of where the offenses reportedly occurred in the Baylor neighborhood, visit <http://www.baylor.edu/Lariat>.

This crime hits close to home for students, considering 61 percent of the Baylor undergraduate student population currently live off-campus, according to a report on the Institutional Research and Testing page on the Baylor Web site.

“If I were a student, I would try to find a community that is gated,” said Maria Rodriguez, academic student support assistant for off-campus housing.

As students begin the search for off-campus residences, crime rates in Waco neighborhoods are something student can take into consideration, Rodriguez said. But that does not mean that neighbors could be helpful for crime prevention.

If communication among neighbors is exercised, along with the safety tips offered, crime in neighborhoods of students can be reduced. Not everyone has the same class schedule.

“There are opportunities to set up a neighborhood watch,” City of Waco program administrator Melett Harrsion said. “There are a lot of resources available if (students) are willing to take the time.”

Safety tips are offered on various Web sites, including the Baylor police department, www.baylor.edu/dps, the Waco police department, www.wacopolice.com and the Baylor off campus housing guide, www.baylor.edu/offcampushousing.

KWBU wins Lone Star Emmy

By Jillian Henderson
Reporter

Baylor's TV station KWBU won a Lone Star Emmy for its documentary, “The War: Central Texas Remembers WWII” on Saturday at Verizon Wireless Theater in Houston.

The Lone Star Emmy is a regional award that is judged on the same criteria as the national Emmy's.

“The documentary is based on the stories of six Central Texans who lived through World War II,” said Joni Livingston, KWBU production supervisor.

“It's a range of people: from a gentleman who wasn't a citizen, to a lady who was a P.O.W. and her description of what happened to her, to the last man who survived Pearl Harbor and described it in detail.”

Livingston said that she knew this documentary was going to have a big impact on its viewers and that making an impact on viewers is her goal on every project she participates in.

“It was a really strong story,” Livingston said. “I had a gut feeling when we entered into the contest that it was going to

do well.”

Senior producer for KWBU Jessica Denk said that “The War: Central Texas Remembers WWII” has already made an impact on her life as well.

“I learned more knowledge on the war itself,” Denk said. “I got more personal history stories than I had ever known before. It made me admire these people more than I ever would have.”

The reactions to the documentary have been overwhelmingly positive, Livingston said.

Denk said that the day the documentary aired at the station, they received “rave reviews.”

“Until you actually see the video and the emotion of the people telling the stories ... the people appreciate us honoring them,” Denk said. “A lot of times, it's kind of a refresher for people on the war.”

Livingston said that they encountered several setbacks during the making of the documentary, and they remembered the week before they started the interviews for the documentaries, Livingston got sick and had to miss several weeks of work before the filming.

Denk said the main problems she experienced were sifting through the many good stories that she received, getting the best stories she could in the time that was allotted and giving the interviewees the time to speak but keeping it short for the camera.

Participants looking to partake in the documentary wrote in to be a part of the story.

“The people who wrote in to participate in the film were thankful to us for sharing these stories,” Livingston said.

The documentary has an impact on other people, said Roxie Callier, coordinator of education and outreach for KWBU.

“It's a wonderful film,” Callier said. “I was so thrilled to be able to see the actual live taping. All of the people who came in — their stories were something else,” Callier said.

Encore presentations of “The War: Central Texas Remembers” will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 11 on KWBU-FM and 10 p.m. on KWBU-TV.

For more information on a program guide, visit <http://www.KWBU.org>.

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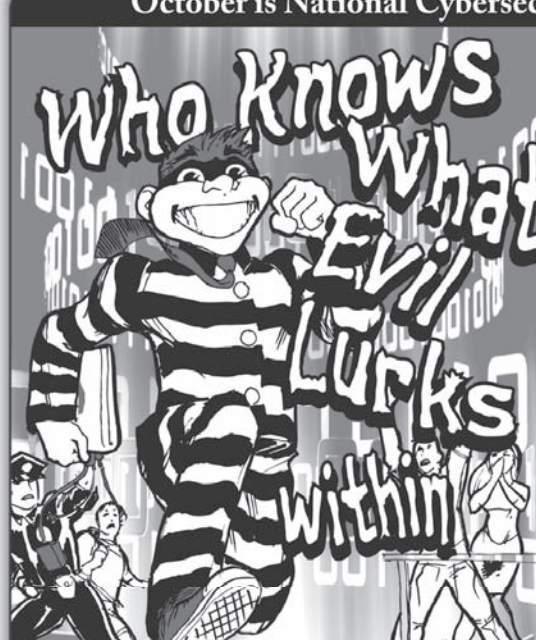
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BUSH NON-SUPPORTER PERSPECTIVE

Despite controversy, ‘W.’ portrays Bush in sympathetic light

Chad Shanks
Staff Writer

In “W.,” director Oliver Stone provides a fascinating, yet inconsistent, look at our 43rd president. He tells George W. Bush’s life story as a twisted rags to riches fairy tale.

MOVIE REVIEW

I went into “W.” hungry for blood. The trailers for the biopic of the current president presented the movie as a cathartic experience for roughly 75 percent of Americans who are fed up with the Bush reign.

I expected a movie full of mockery and contempt for the current commander-in-chief, but I left with an odd feeling of sympathy for him.

Bush, played masterfully by Josh Brolin, is portrayed as a bumbling, alcoholic redneck with severe “daddy” issues. Deep inside, he’s aware of his own shortcomings, but this self-awareness is overwhelmed by overconfidence and ambition.

His life is a desperate struggle to earn the approval of his father by proving he can live up to the Bush name. The end result is “junior” going to Iraq to finish the job his father couldn’t.

Stone has been vocal with his criticism of Bush, but seems to go out of his way in an attempt to paint a fair and balanced portrait of him. The movie gives an explanation of how this unassuming, everyday guy became the world’s most powerful man, highlighting his persistent quest to prove his worth.

Bush is portrayed as a victim of good intentions gone awry, instead of a man full of evil or malice. This inspirational, underdog tale takes the film to a tragic climax of Shakespearean proportions when the protagon-

ist’s confidence is shattered after realizing he bit off more than he can chew.

Stone “misunderestimates” Bush in this film (to borrow a word coined by the president). He wants to capitalize on Bush’s lack of eloquence for comedic effect in one scene but portray him as a tragic hero the next.

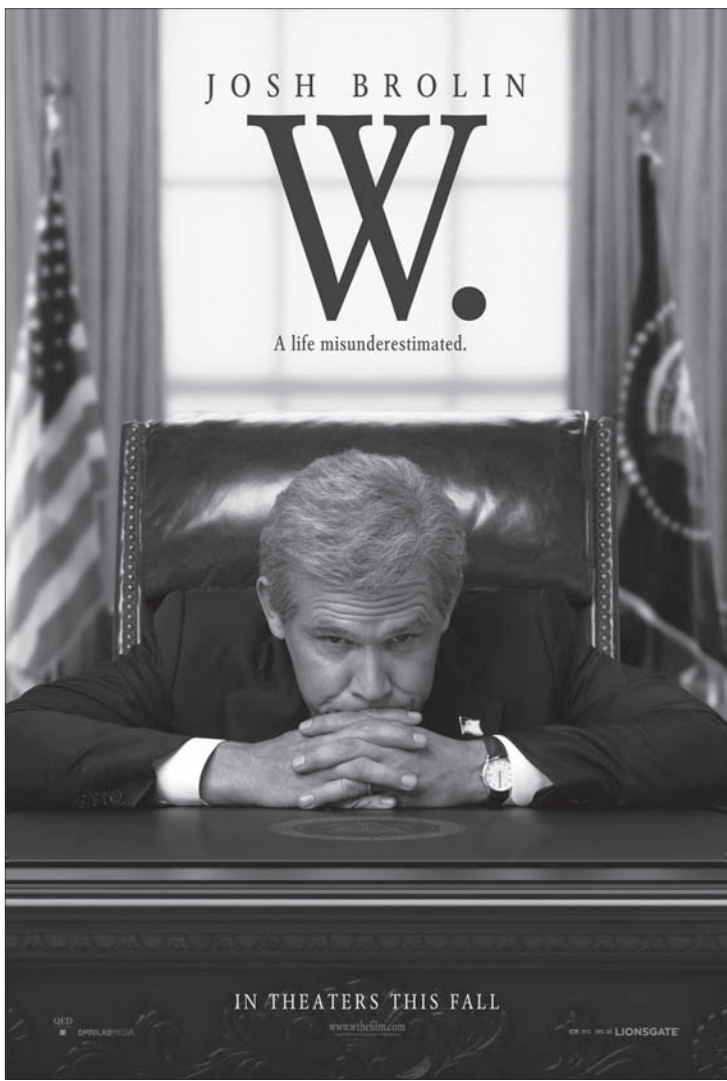
While I agree with the film’s assumption that he is not the smartest president we’ve ever had, Bush is not dumb. He’s an intelligent man who has made some horrifically dumb decisions but the pride and confidence that consistently haunt him won’t allow him to see the mistakes he has made.

While Stone and Brolin provide a multi-faceted, surprisingly human Bush, the other figures depicted in the film are one-dimensional caricatures of themselves. Dick Cheney, played by Richard Dreyfuss, is a maniacal puppet-master who leads the nation to war. Jeffrey Wright’s Colin Powell is the lone voice of opposition to the war and Scott Glenn’s Donald Rumsfeld is an oblivious “yes man” who just seems happy to be part of the group. Worst of all is Thandie Newton’s portrayal of Condoleezza Rice, which borders on absurd and cartoonish.

The movie encourages the audience to keep an open mind about Bush, but reinforces existing perceptions about the people in his life.

I applaud Stone’s courage to make a film about a president, whose legacy will be continuously debated, while that president is still in office. The pacing is slow and I can’t decide if it’s a comedy or a drama. Overall, the film provides an entertaining and thought-provoking perspective on our controversial president.

Grade: B



Courtesy of Lionsgate Films

“W.” is the newest production by director Oliver Stone. The movie follows the life and presidency of George W. Bush. Stone has directed and produced two other movies based on presidents, “JFK” and “Nixon.”



Courtesy of Lionsgate Films

Josh Brolin (No Country For Old Men), front, stars as George W. Bush in the movie “W.” Toby Jones, back, plays Karl Rove, Bush’s top adviser.

BUSH-SUPPORTER PERSPECTIVE

‘W.’ offers audiences crude, offensive look at Bush presidency

Kate Williams
Reporter

He is the media’s chopping block. Hollywood’s loser. Frank Caliendo’s paycheck.

Whether you love him or hate him, President George Bush is one of the most controversial presidents to ever hold office.

MOVIE REVIEW

In the movie “W.” director Oliver Stone attempts to tell the story of the man that has held America together for the past eight years.

The film maintains a negative tone throughout, rarely harping a positive note except to show a charming George Jr. (Josh Brolin) falling for the stunning Laura Bush (Elizabeth Banks).

“W.”’s storyline focuses primarily on George Jr.’s younger years framing him as a reckless, irresponsible Yale graduate that happens to stumble into political office. Unemployed and insecure most of the movie, the young Bush painted a failure.

Viewers can expect little change in the portrayal of Bush’s presidential years.

The plot leads viewers through Bush’s rise to the power — his trials and achievements, how he discovered both his faith and his soul mate, and of course the momentous period leading up to Bush’s choice to invade Iraq.

“W.” forgets to mention several of the policies implemented during Bush’s two terms as the governor of Texas. Even Bush’s two Scottish terriers, Barney and Miss Beazley, gain more screen time than the president’s two daughters, whose impact is absent from the story.

Bush admirers will find “W.” offensive and crude. Stone’s image of President Bush is impertinent, shallow and coarse, depicting him in the

worst of moments. Most of the movie attributes Bush’s success to his famous father’s (James Cromwell) ability to pull a few strings.

Under Stone’s spotlight Condoleezza Rice (Thandie Newton) and Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss) suddenly become brainless and pathetic leaders who cave into Bush’s every command.

Karl Rove (Toby Jones) takes on strikingly similar role of that of Bush’s brain, leaving the viewer to infer that Bush does not have posesses one.

Written, filmed and produced in less than five months “W.” has little to offer creatively, relying solely on the weak impersonations by Scott Glenn of Donald Rumsfeld and Newton’s portrayal of Rice to carry most of the acting. Newton’s performance resembles a Tina Fey, Sarah Palin Saturday Night Live joke.

While Brolin is able to pull off the Texas drawl, the deserving credit goes towards the make-up artists, who, with the help of some hair spray and a couple of boxes of “Just for Men,” turned the handsome Brolin into good old George from Crawford.

Besides the physical resemblance, it is apparent that Stone assembled his Obama-loving cast based off of their mutual disgust with the current president and their desire to implement a liberal slant.

“W.” hardly detours from its pessimistic tone which dwells on the glum elements of Bush’s presidency, casting a dark shadow on the GOP just days before the election. Stone treats the president with little respect and raises the question: is it too soon to make a movie about a sitting president? I guess it’s no surprise. After all it is liberal Hollywood.

Grade: D

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Cowboy defense, rushing game finishes BU early, 34-6

By Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

Momentum from a 38-10 victory over Iowa State University carried Baylor through half of the first quarter against No. 8 Oklahoma State University, but a dearth of talent and self-inflicted mistakes kept Baylor from wrecking the Cowboy homecoming.

The Bears (3-4, 1-2) fell to the Cowboys (7-0, 3-0) 34-6.

On both sides of the ball, the Cowboys controlled the flow of the game. On defense, one safety spied quarterback Robert Griffin while blitzes and pressure from the defensive end position threw him off rhythm all afternoon. The Bears totaled a season-low 204 yards of offense on the afternoon.

Baylor averaged just 1.4 yards per rush for a total of 42. Oklahoma State tallied 219 and a 3.8 average.

“Rushing the football is a way to help control tempo and momentum and it brings a little bit of toughness to the game,” head coach Art Briles said.

Although there was significant pressure on Griffin, the Bears handed the game to the Cowboys with untimely penalties, drops and fumbles. During Baylor’s second possession, junior receiver David Gettis gained a step on cornerback Jacob Lacey. Griffin saw the separation and launched



Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin (10) scrambles away from defenders behind the offensive line in Saturday’s football game against Oklahoma State University at Boone Pickens Stadium. After averaging 70.2 yards rushing in Baylor’s first six games, Griffin gained only 12 yards on 12 carries in the 34-6 loss.

a 40-yard pass that slipped off the tips of Gettis’ glove.

“That’s a play I can make in practice all day,” Gettis said. “I just took my eye off of it.”

Dropped passes would be a theme of the day. Tight end Justin Akers, Gettis and inside receiver Kendall Wright all contributed to the unofficial statistic.

When Wright did catch the ball, the defense was ready for him. Of his 10 touches, three went for a loss or no-gain. Although that number appears

low, Oklahoma State’s ability to break screens, which is a key to Wright’s effectiveness, kept the Bears’ offense off-track.

On the defensive side, Baylor

struggled against both the run and play-action passes. Kendall Hunter, OSU’s top running back, gained 110 yards on the ground, while Keith Toston collected 56 and two touchdowns.

However, the back-breaking performance of the day came from quarterback Zac Robinson. He kept the Bear defense honest with his feet, including a 23-yard scramble on third-and-29. Baylor then jumped offsid es on fourth down, leading to a fourth-and-one successful conversion.

“That was just like, “throw me up against the wall and kick me two or three times,” Briles said. “That chain of events really separated the game.”

The Cowboys scored a touchdown one minute later, leading to a 28-6 halftime lead.

Baylor sustained one more drive into the red zone. It faltered when Griffin fumbled a fourth-down snap and then recover it for a 7-yard loss.

“Those are things we have to correct,” Briles said. “The encouraging thing is that second half. It’s a 6-0 ball game. It wasn’t like they weren’t trying to score.”

Griffin did set another record for the Bears with the most attempted passes by a freshman without an interception. His record of 141 passes surpasses Cowboy quarterback Mike Gundy, who is the current head coach of Oklahoma State.

Soccer falls to Sooners on Senior Day, 1-0

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

The Baylor soccer team’s Senior Day turned into a day of frustration Sunday afternoon as the Bears lost 1-0 in a highly contested match against the University of Oklahoma at the Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.

The Sooners’ lone goal came with just under 26 minutes left in the first half, but between some physical play and flaring tempers, the second half managed to produce the real fireworks. In fact, the play with the biggest impact on the game’s outcome came in the last 5 minutes of the game.

Amid a chaotic scene in front of the OU goal, junior midfielder Betsy Kyle took a shot that appeared to bounce off the bottom of the goal’s crossbar and

land behind the goal line before spinning out of the goal. The immediate ruling on the field was that there was no goal on the play, a call that stood even after officials stopped time to discuss it on the sideline.

“That was pretty ridiculous,” senior defender Carolyn Lynch said. “That was clearly a goal.”

The play came while Baylor was down a player. Senior midfielder Andi Fagan was given a red card and ejected earlier in the half after some physical play lead to an altercation between Fagan and Oklahoma forward Whitney Palmer. Palmer, who attempted to hit Fagan, did not receive a penalty.

“I think it’s frustrating that we lost our player and they didn’t lose their player,” head coach Marci Jobson said.

Due to the red card, Fagan

will also miss Baylor’s next game Friday night at the University of Missouri. But the Bears seem to play even more aggressively with only 10 players on the field.

“After you go down a man you can’t exactly sit back. You have to go attack. You have to play really hard and put it all on the line,” sophomore Lindsey Johnson said. “I think we really got pumped and wanted to prove that even with a man down we can score a goal and obviously we did. Kind of.”

Jobson said that the team had their heads down after Oklahoma scored the goal in the first half, but that the Bears came out ready to fight after half time. The controversy surrounding Fagan’s ejection seemed to only fan the flames a little more.

“For about a 15-minute span, we kind of felt sorry for ourselves

and then at half time we really laid into them and they came out and they played better,” she said. “When we got the red card ... we just started sending people forward and we had some great opportunities.”

As for Senior Day, ceremonies were held before the match to honor senior defenders Elena Sutherland and Lynch, and senior midfielders Amanda McGrath and Fagan.

Lynch said that, despite it being a tough loss, the game was still an exciting way to end her career at home.

“I’m really thankful to be on this team with these girls,” she said. “I mean, they didn’t give up even though we were down a man. It’s kind of unlucky. But this was a fun last senior game even though we lost. They got lucky.”



Baylor midfielder Betsy Kyle, left, fights for control of the ball against Oklahoma’s forward Jordan White Sunday at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field.

Mulkey, Lady Bears return to hardwood

By Justin Baer
Reporter

Fall break was anything but a break for the Lady Bears basketball team, as head coach Kim Mulkey and her revamped squad tackled the court for Baylor’s first practice Friday evening.

“It’s hard to believe another summer has past,” the Women’s Basketball Hall-of-Famer said. “I get bored in August and I began to miss the girls, so it’s nice to be back out on the floor with them.”

With seven newcomers, including five freshmen, fans would expect players to be wearing name tags around the Ferrell Center for the first few practices. Under NCAA rule changes, the Lady Bears have been able to practice for two hours a week under Mulkey’s guidance since Sept. 15.

Baylor also traveled to Canada in late August as part of a three-day tour, in which the Lady Bears scrimmaged Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia — last season’s Canadian national champion.

“It was so helpful, because we were able to put in some set plays,” Mulkey said. “If you don’t have those two hours leading up to the first day of practice, they’re nervous already. If they had not been with you and understand the intensity in which you have to play, it wouldn’t make for a very good first day.”

Last year’s team made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and featured a seven-player rotation, making it susceptible to injury or foul trouble. That nightmare came true, when starting guard Jhasmin Player tore her ACL in the game against Kansas State University on Feb.

2. The result was a depleted bench, and a waving effect on Baylor’s tournament run.

Player is back for her senior season and healthy enough to practice without a brace. With solid depth behind her, Player said the pressure of replacing All-Big 12 guard Angela Tisdale becomes tolerable.

“No one can ever replace what Angela Tisdale did for this university,” the Bay City native said. “What we will try to do is replace Angela by committee. I am not going to try bear it

all on my shoulders, especially after what I am trying to recover with.”

Despite a resolution to Baylor’s shallow line-up from last year, no newcomer may be more impactful than the arrival of former Louisiana Tech University head coach Leon Barmore.

Mulkey convinced her college head coach to come out of retirement during the offseason and help the Lady Bears. Barmore is an inductee into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame himself after leading the Lady Techsters to 20 consecutive NCAA Tournaments.

“Today when he was talking to me, I just realized I was smiling the whole time,” senior and first-team All-Big 12 post Rachel Allison said. “It’s just like having another Coach Mulkey down there, because everything she knows she learned from him.”



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and Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, to learn more about the practice.

“Since then, the issue has received national attention, and the degree to which Baylor’s reputation has been damaged is still undetermined,” Fonville said.

Fonville said he hopes the administration will include more input from students, faculty members and other constituencies at Baylor in future decision-making processes.

“In light of the controversy, we’ve invited Dr. Reagan Ramsower to address student questions at the next Student Senate meeting,” Fonville said. “While he has yet to confirm, we certainly hope he will join us, as this issue is of serious concern to myself and to many students.”

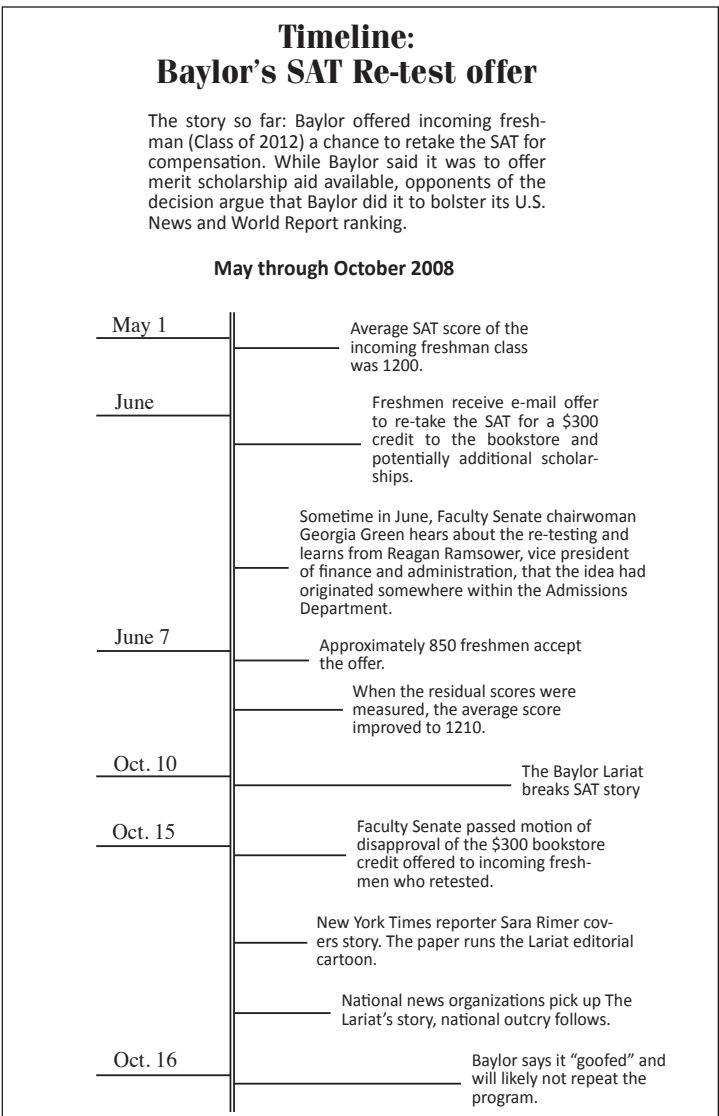
As a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, Baylor’s actions have provoked speculation over possible violation of the group’s code of ethics. The Statement of Principles of Good Practice, NACAC’s code, bans awarding merit-based aid solely based on test scores.

Scott Anderson, chair of the NACAC admissions practices committee, said it’s too early to decide if Baylor acted out of compliance with the code. The answer, he said, could only be determined by an investigation by the Texas affiliation of NACAC.

“The goal of an investigation would be just to stop the practice. If it stops, we would then find the member agreeing to be in compliance,” Anderson said. “We know that Baylor’s not going to go down this road again. That is good to know.”

Anderson was uncertain whether an examination of Baylor’s actions would occur, but due to confidentiality, he said the matter would not be known publicly.

Baylor’s financial incentives have sparked a wave of criticism, re-energizing a debate



Graphic by Kate Thomas

over the weight placed on SAT scores.

A New York Times editorial published online Thursday sided with Baylor’s Faculty Senate, saying faculty members were “rightly appalled” in condemning “the practice as ‘academically dishonest.’”

Others, such as Sugar Land freshman Jasmine Nkrumah, disagree.

“I don’t think it put Baylor in a morally bad place because they’re giving back to the students,” Nkrumah said. “I disagree with the decision not to do it next year. Two of my cousins are applying to Baylor and tuition is already going up. I think they should keep doing

it. It helped me and it helped a few of my friends.”

Plano freshmen Charlie Gasmire didn’t take the test but believes the issue has been blown out of proportion.

“Baylor wants to make itself look better all the time. Who doesn’t? I guess they figured if they could give us an incentive and bring the stats up for Baylor at the same time, they should go for it. With higher grades, it might make the school better. It wasn’t like blackmail or anything.”

Staff Writer Sommer Ingram contributed to this story. Portions of this article ran online on Friday.

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and Frick may to discern what some of those reasons are.

“We are looking to see if there is good, solid theology behind these organizations’ actions that can sustain them, or if it’s more slipshod reasoning such as ‘Oh, we do it because we’re supposed to,’” Frick said. “In a dream world, we would love to see lots of churches, organizations and denominations having this issue at the forefront and really thinking about what our Christian response to the environment should be and why we should be doing it.”

The perceived lack of concern for the environment in the Christian world is often something Christians have been criticized for in the past.

“It is a sweeping kind of criticism that is unfair to Christian universities especially,” said Dr. Susan Bratton, chairman of the environmental science department. “I do know of some environmental organizations that have had problems reaching out to faith-based communities, so I think it’s really important to establish this connection between the theological world and the environmental one. The answers this research finds will

be really important.”

The researchers are focused on accurately providing information they find to the public but have no expectations for what the data will reveal.

“The importance is that they are connected; the two cannot be separated from one another,” Frick said. “Christian theology is a creation-affirming theology. When we look at scripture, this is the way we understand the world. So we aren’t looking for any edgy interpretation, just to re-establish a link that has been there between the world we live in and the world we worship that has been neglected.”

Car burglars strike during break

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

Sunday, Baylor police reported eight counts of burglary of a motor vehicle. During a routine drive-through inspection, they found eight cars in the Fifth Street Parking Garage burglarized with their windows broken.

Five burglaries reportedly occurred between 1:30 a.m. and 6:15 a.m. and one burglary reportedly occurred between 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The other two occurred between 8 p.m. Wednesday and 6:16 p.m. Sunday, and 6:30 a.m. Saturday and 5:14 a.m. Sunday.

“It is being vigorously investigated,” said Jim Doak, Baylor Chief of Police. Doak said that sharing details, such as property stolen or the weapons used to break the windows, might jeopardize their lead in the case.

Last Wednesday Baylor police arrested a man on 10 potential charges of burglary

of a motor vehicle.

“It was a non-Baylor student. He was preying on us,” Doak said.

Baylor Police located the suspect’s vehicle in Bellmead and followed him to the Baylor campus, where he was arrested with stolen property on him.

Doak explained that most car burglary crimes are “opportunity driven.” He advised that removable radios, wallets and purses should not be left in plain view and to always lock car doors.

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family and community level, he said.

“And poverty generates various strains and distresses, which criminologists have also found contribute to violent crime,” Jang said.

Some think that the drug use in Waco is the cause of violent crime.

“It’s really hard to measure what the causes are, but drug involvement has been more prevalent. People have begun

to be more violent to get what they want,” said James Mitchell, president of North Waco Neighborhood Association.

Jang agrees that poverty, crime and drug addiction are linked.

“Poor neighborhoods tend to be a safe place for various types of illegal activities, such as gangs and drug dealings. As a result, kids living in poor communities end up learning various kinds of deviant and criminal lifestyles,” Jang said.

Steve Anderson, Waco Police

media spokesperson, and Jim Doak, Baylor Chief of Police, are skeptical of an assertion that Waco is a dangerous place.

“Crime is cyclical ... I still believe that Waco is one of the safer places to be if people use common sense,” Doak said.

“I think the reporting process has a lot to do with it. The Baylor Police Department and the Waco Police Department report things very quickly. Other agencies may not be as detailed in reporting,” Doak said.



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

There was a healthy turnout of early voters Monday afternoon at the McLennan County Elections Administrations Office, located on Fourth Street and Columbus Avenue.

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by Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, and challenged by Republican Rob Curnock, a Waco businessman.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is fighting to keep his seat and serve a second term in the U.S. Senate.

His Democratic opponent, Rick Noriega, is a four-term representative in the Texas House of Representatives.

Texas offices up for election this year include: a Railroad Commissioner’s seat, several spots on the Texas’ Supreme Court and legislative positions statewide.

Longview junior Robin Anderson said she was already registered to vote in her hometown and will be voting by absentee ballot.

“I really wanted to make my vote count in this election, because it’s a really important one,” Anderson said. “I wanted

to make a difference by having my vote count as a young college student.”

Oklahoma City sophomore Hannah Decker said she lives too far to travel home and vote.

“I would have no other alternative than to drive 300 miles in the middle of the week to Oklahoma. By voting absentee it’s an opportunity to make my vote count,” Decker said.

Arlington junior Jennifer Benninghoff contributed to this story.



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