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Baylor joins search for alternative fuels

Recycling proponents, researchers say university could do more to help

By Brad Briggs
Reporter

Some Baylor professors think the planet is in an energy crisis, and prices at the pump are just the beginning.

Dr. John Dunbar, associate professor of geology, and Dr. Peter Van Walsum, professor of environmental studies, are currently researching ways to stretch resources with alternative fuels.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that \$6 billion a year is spent on energy at colleges and universities. It also estimates that about 25 percent of that cost could be saved by better energy management.

The cogeneration facility located in the Baylor Energy Complex helps to defray some of that cost. The facility generates electricity that is routed into the city's power grid and in return, the university receives a discounted rate on its energy costs.

Van Walsum said cogeneration is one of the most efficient methods of using energy, but the production has not been expanded along with the university's growth over the past decade.

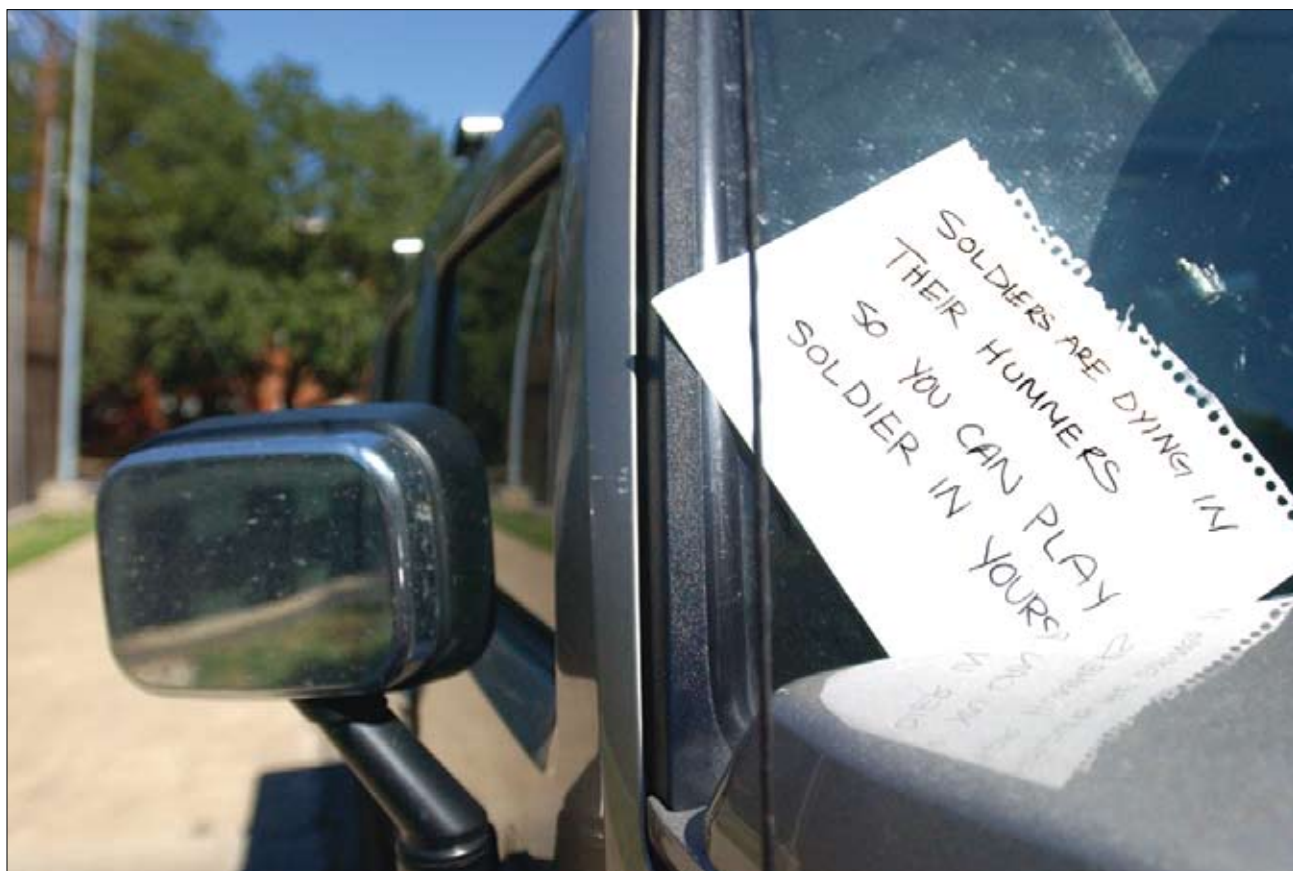
"I think Baylor needs to look at that and improve our record," Van Walsum said.

Many professors around campus are actively involved in researching alternative fuels. Dunbar was recently given a grant from the federal government to work on finding sources of methane hydrate, a naturally occurring gas that could be used as a source of energy.

"There are several problems with methane hydrate. The most challenging is that you have to find it in a sufficient size to be able to produce it," Dunbar said.

Methane hydrate forms naturally and

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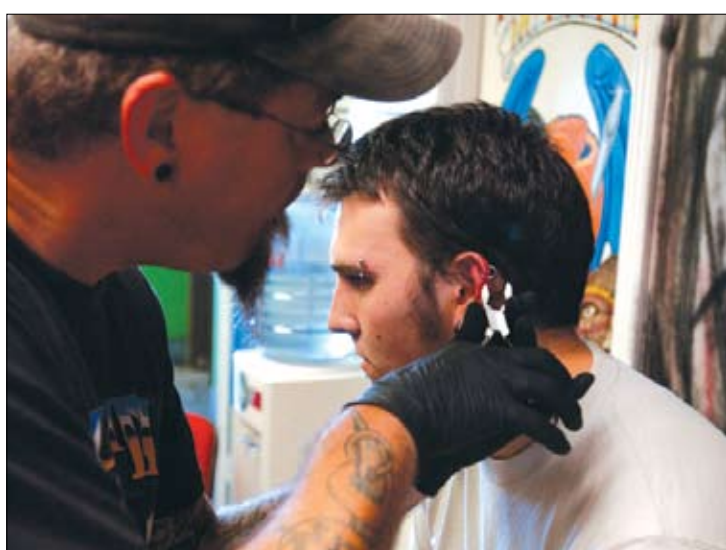


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An abundance of inefficient vehicles, like this Hummer parked in the lot at Rena Marrs McLean Gymnasium, roam Baylor's campus daily.

Researchers at Baylor are attempting to promote fuels that would make driving larger cars less expensive and more fuel efficient.

Pearland senior Matt Nieten gets his ear pierced Tuesday at Southern Cultures on Franklin Avenue. Nieten now has more than 10 piercings and said he only goes to professional, certified piercers.



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Piercings present dangers

Certified professionals warn customers against questionable practices

By Analiz González
Staff writer

For many students, getting a new piercing is part of the college experience. But before driving to the nearest tattoo parlor for a new tongue ring, or shoving a needle through your roommate's ear, there are a few things you should know.

It's best to stay away from shops

that use piercing guns, such as Wal-Mart or Clair's, former board member of the Association of Professional Piercers Jason King said.

"Piercing guns are not clean or safe," King said. "(Often) they reuse the same piercing mechanism and just put new jewelry in. There have been numerous cases of Hepatitis (B and C) linked with ear piercing guns. It is actually safer doing it with your mom's sewing kit needle at home than doing it with a gun."

King said it's important to make sure the piercing studio has an updated license and that the person doing

the piercing is also licensed.

Needles used in studios should be single-use disposable ones, and the jewelry should be packaged in autoclave bagging and run through an autoclave, King said. Autoclave bags kill microorganisms by using steam-heat and pressure. He said gas autoclaves are also used sometimes, but they aren't as sanitary.

"Everything that goes into the human being should be sterile, not just cold soaked," he said. "All that is packaged should be opened in front of the

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Masons survive attacks, controversy for centuries

By Kris Firth
Reporter

It's one of the world's oldest and largest secular fraternities.

It boasts members such as George Washington, Ben Franklin, William Shakespeare, Winston Churchill, Neil Armstrong, the Ringling Brothers and Robert E. Baylor.

Founded by the builders of the European castles around 1200 A.D. and influenced by the Knights Templar, the Masons have been a controversial and influential group since their establishment.

With practices that include secret ritual work and secret modes of recognition, along

with strict white male requirements for membership, the Masons have been targets of conspiracy theories and anti-Mason groups for centuries.

However, the Masons also contribute to education, perform community services and provide fellowship for men with similar values.

"The appeal of Masons is what we do and how we do it," Mason Junior Deacon Thomas E. Waden said. "We perform a lot of charity work and offer the camaraderie of other men who share the same beliefs and goals that you might have."

Waden, who also works in the Baylor Information Systems and Services department, said

he joined the Masons because his father was one. As a young man, Waden joined the order of the DeMolay, a youth fraternity organization sponsored by the Masons.

After seeing the similarities between the Masons and DeMolay, Waden said, he decided to ask other Masons about joining the order.

"It's easy to spot a Mason," Waden said. "They usually wear Masonic pins (bearing the customary compass symbol) and are men of good character who are looked up to in the community."

Baylor even has an intimate

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This Mason engraving on the exterior wall of the Bill Daniel Student Center is one example of the lasting mark the group has had on campus.

NYC pastor preaches on faith, reason

Black Preachers Conference offers opportunities for ministers to confront important issues

By Claire St. Amant
Reporter

Faith and reason have long been buzzwords on campus, but at the third-annual Black Preachers Conference held this week at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, the phrase was echoed by a fresh voice.

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church in New York City, gave the E.K. Bailey Memorial Sermon on Tuesday morning at Paul W. Powell Chapel. While he didn't plan on speaking about faith and reason when he first came to Waco, Taylor said he couldn't resist the urge to address the "overly used and widely misunderstood" concept.

"When I came across the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and I saw an article on Pope Benedict, I was drawn not to talk about his recent comments on Muslims, but on his treatment of people who have a deaf ear for divinity," Taylor said. "I believe his comments about Muslims may well have been left out, much like some sections of my own sermons, but that is not the issue here. The issue is faith and reason."

Taylor preached at the chapel to a full, responsive crowd who frequently verbalized their praise for Taylor's statements in shouts of "Amen!" and "Preach it!"

"If you look at history, those who only had reason ultimately failed," Taylor said.

"Greek drama has only reason and no faith. It's no wonder Greek drama has been characterized as tragedy."

Church leaders came from all over Texas as

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Legendary golfer Nelson dies at 94 in Irving home

By Jaime Aron
The Associated Press

IRVING — Byron Nelson, golf's elegant "Lord Byron" whose 11 straight tournament victories in 1945 stand as one of sports' most enduring records, died Tuesday. He was 94.

Peggy Nelson told family friend Angela Enright that her husband slept well Monday night and everything appeared fine as she left for Bible study Tuesday morning. As she left their Roanoke home, he told her, "I'm so proud of you," something he often said about her involvement in



Nelson

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of natural causes.

Known for his graceful swing

and gentle manner, Nelson had the

greatest year in the history of professional golf in 1945 when he won 18 tournaments. He captured 31 of 54 tournaments in 1944-45. Then, at age 34, he retired after the 1946 season to spend more time on his Texas ranch.

"When I was playing regularly, I had a goal," Nelson recalled years later. "I could see the prize money going into the ranch, buying a tractor, or a cow. It gave me incentive."

That incentive pushed Nelson to become one of the best players of his era. He won the Masters in 1937 and '42, the U.S. Open in 1939 and

the PGA Championship in 1940 and '45.

He also finished second once in the U.S. Open, twice in the Masters and three times in the PGA. Nelson played in British Open only twice, finishing fifth in 1937.

Nelson's long, fluid swing is considered the model of the modern way to strike a golf ball and his kind, caring style with fans and competitors made him one of the most well-liked people in sports. "I don't know very much," Nelson said in a 1997 interview with The Asso-

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Bikers take note: Pay attention to sleepy pedestrians

Let me paint a picture for you, and Baylor bikers, pay close attention. We pedestrians will thank you later.

The day is Monday. The place is Baylor. The time is early. Too early. In fact, it's so early that I forget to lock the door to my apartment. In other words, I made a donation to Waco's fine gamut of pawn shops.

It's so early that I actually see the NoZe brothers lifting weights with Phi Gamma Delta at the McLane Student Life Center.

It's so early that I actually go 30 seconds without seeing a T-shirt advertising some rush event that took place in the third stall of the men's bathroom of Cashion Academic Center on

Nov. 12, 2005, titled "Tizzy at the Toilet '05!"

It is actually so early that my car decides to sputter and the engine dies.

When machines deign the hour as unacceptably early, I'd say you are overstepping the bounds of human cruelty.

So, if this picture hasn't begun to form in your mind yet, it was pretty early.

Since my car decided that Monday mornings are for losers and 8 a.m. classes are really a design to fool freshmen to "get your classes done early," I was forced to beat the dusty trail and walk to class.

Walking to class is not such a terrible thing. Lord knows I need the exercise. But let me tell

point of view



BY WILL PARCHMAN

you, walking to class was much easier when I lived on the first floor of Penland Residence Hall and this higher education thing was still new.

Now my classes are more like candy corn: You eat it when it's put in front of you, but you can never really figure out why.

As my walk wears on, my mind is an amalgam of thoughts. Thoughts of sleeping in exuberantly overpriced beds, thoughts

of sleeping in exotic places, thoughts of sleeping while James Taylor gently plays me to sleep with a version of "Fire and Rain" specifically tailored to my desire to sleep through all of my classes.

Basically, everything I deem important at 8 a.m. on a Monday. And it sure isn't beginning golf.

So as my glorious thought process rolls on and I finally reach campus, I am interrupted by what appears to be Superman running 10 minutes late to class.

I suddenly snap out of my thoughts of sleeping in verdant meadows in time to see the glint of steel and then glorious blue sky (I cannot confirm that the

sky is actually blue at 8 in the morning, so I made it up). I had been knocked on my backside by a shiny new bicycle.

I realize that biking is an efficient mode of transportation that has been used by great figures in history — giants of the moral compass like Ghen-gis Kahn, the Brawny Man and Chuck Norris.

I get that you are late to class and you need to find a way to jimmy-rig your bike onto an over-full bike rack.

But won't you think of the tired, sweaty and possibly disgruntled pedestrians?

If you own a bike and you use it to get places, congratulations. I know your parents are proud. But for the love of Zeus'

beard, cut us warriors of the walking path a break. Watch where you're going.

Reasonable expectation is a good thing. If bikers expect us to avoid them, they should stay off the sidewalks. And try avoiding me next time. Seriously, it's 8 a.m. You have to aim to knock me over.

So the next time you are hustling to class, my biking brethren, remember me, the guy you embarrassed in front of the entire school on Fifth Street twice last week.

I'll be the one over there in the corner putting back the pieces of my shattered social life.

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Editorial

U.N. needs to show leadership, authority

One of the purposes of the U.N. General Assembly is to consider and make recommendations for maintaining international peace and security before action is taken.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez stood before the General Assembly Sept. 20 and said that President Bush was "the devil" and "an alcoholic."

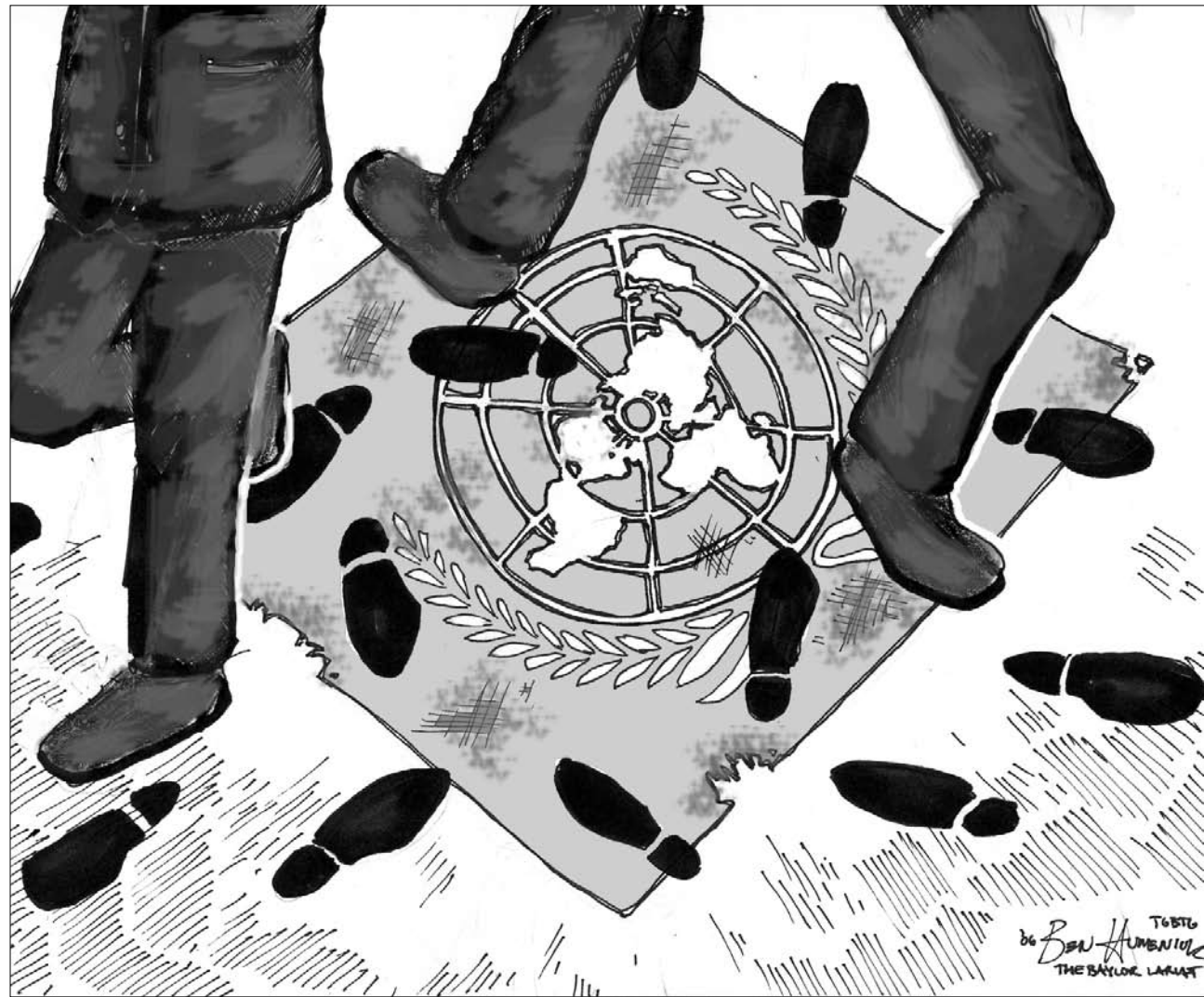
Instead of respectfully offering practical solutions to encourage cooperation, the U.N. allowed Chavez to insert offensive, unhelpful remarks into his 23-minute speech.

It's this kind of action that's turning the U.N. into a source of laughter for many of the world's most dangerous countries.

While we support its goals, it's time to face the facts: The United Nations is losing its effectiveness as a broker for world peace.

Iran recently ignored the Aug. 31 deadline given by the U.N. to halt its nuclear enrichment or receive economic sanctions as a result. The fact that Iran brushed off what the U.N. considered a strong message shows the lack of respect many countries have for the U.N. and its global authority.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said in a March 1998 article in the *New York Times* that the United States owed \$1.3 billion to the U.N. yet no



action has been taken against the U.S. On Sept. 12, Ambassador John Bolton called for the U.S. to give the U.N. until the end of the year to reform. If significant changes aren't made by then, the U.S. might withdraw even more of its financial support.

We don't want to lose faith in our only worldwide cooperative association committed to international law, security, economic development and

social equity.

But how can we take an organization seriously that allows a proponent of authoritarian regimes to spew filth to the representatives of U.N. member countries.

The U.N. has always attempted to do the best thing for countries in need. What we need now is a strong, committed organization striving for the betterment of all.

Allowing Chavez a speaking platform does not achieve this goal. Instead, it voids much of the good work the U.N. has done because world citizens identify Chavez with hatred and oppression.

In this day, the U.N. is vital to the livelihood of those in need. The U.N. must step up the challenge and show the world strength and leadership in times to come.

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Correction

Incorrect hours of operation were listed in Friday's story "Amelia's gives fruitful charm." Amelia's on the Avenue is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sironia, the establishment within which Amelia's is located, is made up of individual retail stores.

Minority-originated lies drag down new generation of children

"Can you show me the doll that looks bad?"

The two baby dolls are identical except that one has pale skin, the other is dark. The little black girl, maybe 5 years old, has been holding up the pale doll, but in response to the question, she puts it down and picks up the other.

"Why does that look bad?" the interviewer asks.

"Because it's black," the little girl says.

"And why do you think that's the nice doll?" asks the interviewer, referring to the light-skinned doll.

"Because she's white."

"And can you give me the doll that looks like you?"

The dark-skinned girl reaches for the light-skinned doll, jiggling it as if she really wants to

pick it up. In the end, with palpable reluctance, she pushes the black doll forward.

You might be forgiven for thinking you have happened upon one of the "Doll Tests" conducted by Dr. Kenneth Clark beginning in the late 1930s, tests that helped persuade the Supreme Court to strike down segregation in its *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. But this is a new doll test, conducted by Kiri Davis, a 17-year-old student from New York, for "A Girl Like Me," her short film about black girls and standards of beauty. You can see it at www.uthtv.com/umedia/collection/2052/. But be warned: If you have a heart, the new doll test will break it.

Hard upon mourning, though, will come outrage. How

point of view



BY LEONARD PITTS

is this possible? How can this still be true? How can we still have black children who think black and bad are synonymous?

Some of us were born in the generation that came of age with a mandate to hurl that thinking back onto history's trash heap. Some of us remember when James Brown sang, "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud."

Some of us knew that when Aretha Franklin spelled out

"Respect," she wasn't just talking to a feckless lover. Some of us piled Afros high on our heads and sprayed them with Afro Sheen till they shone. Some of us clenched our fists and cried, "Black is beautiful," in the face of a nation that had always told us you could be one or the other but never both.

And for what? So that 40 years later, our children would still parrot media-derived lies of their own worthlessness? What's appalling is that many of the lies now originate with black people themselves.

That's not to let white people off the hook. The simple arithmetic of majority/minority means that under the best of circumstances, a child of color will always see fewer images of people like her in the me-

dia. And the white makers and gatekeepers of those fewer images have historically weighted them toward ineffectuality, hyper-sexuality, native criminality and plain ignorance.

What's different now is that blacks are, themselves, often the makers and gatekeepers. And under our aegis the images have, in many ways, gotten worse.

To surf the video channels is to be immersed in black culture as conceived by a new generation, a lionization of pimps and gold-diggers, hustlers and thugs who toss the N-word with a gusto that would do the Klan proud. A new generation, afflicted with historical amnesia, blind indifference and a worship of filthy lucre dances a metaphorical buck and wing, eyes rolling, yas-

suh bossing, selling itself out, selling its forebears out. Most of all, selling the children out.

And it's little excuse to say we're only buying lies we have internalized, lies that become self-fulfilling prophecy. That's all well and good, but the moment you're able to understand that you've been lied to is the moment you bear responsibility for promulgating some truth in reply. That too few of us are willing to accept that responsibility is driven home every time one of those black children chooses a white doll.

We've spent 387 years in this country trying to get white folks to love us.

Might help if we first learned to love ourselves.

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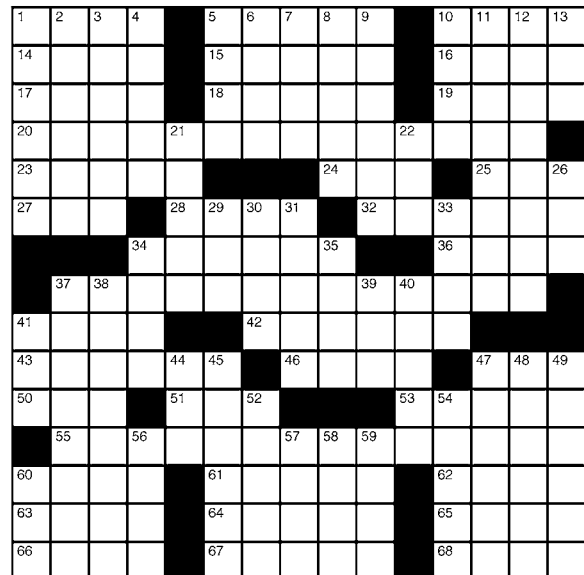
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PR group hired for Iraq war

By Rebecca Santana
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A public relations company known for its role in a controversial U.S. military program that paid Iraqi newspapers for stories favorable to coalition forces has been awarded another multi-million-dollar media contract with American forces in Iraq.

Washington-based Lincoln Group won a two-year contract to monitor a number of English and Arabic media outlets and produce public relations-type products such as talking points or speeches for U.S. forces in Iraq, officials said Tuesday.

"Lincoln Group is proud to be trusted to assist the multinational forces in Iraq with communicating news about their vital work," Lincoln Group spokesman Bill Dixon said in a statement. Details about the contract were also confirmed by U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, Lt. Col. Barry Johnson and were described in documents posted on a federal government Web site outlining contracts awarded.

The contract is worth roughly \$6.2 million per year over a two-year period, according to Johnson.

The idea is to use the information to "build support" in Iraqi, Arabic, international and U.S. audiences for what the military describes as its goals in Iraq such as destroying the insurgency and helping Iraqis build a democracy, according to contract documents.

The list of media outlets to be watched includes the New York Times, Fox Television and the satellite channel, Al-Arabia.

The Lincoln Group was mired in controversy last year when it became known the company had been part of a U.S. military operation to pay Iraqi newspapers to run positive stories about coalition activities. According to the company's Web site, it was created in 2003 to do public relations and communications work in challenging environments such as Iraq.

But, Andrews said he's concerned about the fact that the contract was awarded at all, not just to the Lincoln Group.

"I wish that our problem in Iraq was that the military wasn't getting good PR," Andrews said. "The problem seems to be that the country is sliding into civil war."



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A house at 1509 James Ave. stands charred after it caught fire Tuesday evening. No one was injured, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Grandfather, grandson escape from blaze

By Christine M. Tamer
Staff writer

A bedridden man and his grandson escaped to safety from a fire in their home Tuesday evening.

The Waco Fire Department responded to a call shortly after 5 p.m. Tuesday at 1509 James St.

When they arrived, heavy flames and smoke were visible coming out of the back of the house, said R.G. Wilson, assistant chief of the Waco Fire Department.

"The firemen had been to

the address to assist the gentlemen before so they knew there was an elderly gentleman who lived there," Wilson said. "They immediately began to try and find out where he was."

Firemen were told the man was already out of structure so no one was inside when they arrived, Wilson said.

He said the fire was extinguished within 15 minutes. The cause of fire is still being investigated, but Wilson said there were two oxygen generators and seven to eight bottles of oxygen in house that may have contributed to the sever-

ity of the blaze.

Neighbor David Gilbert said Ellis Younger and his grandson were reading a Bible in the front room when the house caught fire.

"I am glad they got him out," Gilbert said. "The smoke would have suffocated him pretty quickly because he is bedridden. It is fortunate it happened during day when people are awake rather than at night because they probably wouldn't have gotten him out."

Younger was transported to a hospital as a safety precaution, Wilson said.

Researchers link economics, religion

By Laura Frase
Staff writer

In sociology, students are taught that behavior impacts religion. But with a \$378,863 grant approval from the John Templeton Foundation to Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion, four researchers already have begun to diffuse that theory by exploring an Initiative on the Economics of Religion.

"What people believe impacts what they do," said Dr. Charles North, principal researcher and associate professor of economics. "Religion matters."

Specifically, North pointed to the economy as an indicator of how religion impacts behavior.

"Religion does impact the economy through affecting the way people think about their lives and that their religious beliefs are genuine beliefs, which impact their decision makings in profound ways," North said. "Those decisions reflect themselves in a variety of ways in the economy."

Over a two-year period, a team of four professors will explore the link between how religious practices and beliefs impact the economy in countries across the world.

"Economics is critical to the study of religion, and I'm really pleased that economists at Baylor are going to help us unravel the economic implications of religion in America," Dr. Byron Johnson, professor of sociology and co-director of Institute for Studies of Religion, said.

"It's long overdue," he said. Authors have long suggested a link between economics and religion, North said. The goal of this study is to examine why.

The initiative will explore religious culture, economic growth, historical religion and religious markets.

"What we hope to do is provide guidance to policy makers on how religion affects economic growth and the development of economies around the world," North said.

One of the more interesting parts of the study, North said, is the research behind the rule of law, which basically measures the reliability of law enforcement, the fairness of courts and property rights in international countries.

The team used a sample of 207 countries, which is the largest sample ever done using the rule of law, North said.

"That in itself is a benefit of the study because we're including the entire world," he said.

Using the rule of law, the team found that countries which were primarily Protestant, Catholic or Hindu in 1900 have better property rights, more reliable law enforcement and consistent court systems.

However, other countries whose religion was predominantly Islam or Orthodox Christianity didn't have the same benefits, North said.

The team also has drawn predictions so far.

"What I think we may end up finding is there does seem to be something about Protestantism and Catholicism that is beneficial to economic growth," North said. "I think that part of it is the heritage of the Roman Catholic Church during the first 1500 years before the Reformation had a lot of effects that may have helped create economies receptive to growth."

While the team plans to dig deeper into religion in the economy, one thing it stresses is religion's important influence on the economy.

North proposed an example of going grocery shopping in a population of people who believe stealing is wrong. He explained that everyone who goes grocery shopping intends to pay for the items in their cart; this results in less security and suspicions.

But in a society where 50 percent might plan on not paying, there would be tighter security and a more stressful atmosphere.

"Religion is part of the cultural effect, which amounts to having a pleasant trip to the grocery store," North said.

Dr. Rodney Stark, university professor of the social sciences and co-director of Institute for Studies of Religion, agreed that religion has benefitted the economies of predominantly Christian countries:

"In most countries, most religions, the idea is that the universe is a great mystery that we will never understand. Christianity said nonsense," Stark said.

"If you don't think science is possible, you don't try to do it," he said. "The Christian basis in Europe gave people confidence to try and do it."

Through its continued research, the team hopes to spark interest among other researchers in this field.

The team consists of North, Stark, Johnson and Dr. Carl R. Gwin, an associate professor of economics at Pepperdine University.

Gutenberg replica available for students

By Kori Chappell
Reporter

A representation of Christian history sits right under students' noses, but most know nothing about it.

A facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible sits in a case in the Jesse H. Jones Library foyer. The Bible was handmade as an exact replica of an original.

"There are only 22 original Gutenberg Bibles left, none of which are for sale," Mary Goolsby, library advancement coordinator, said. "If one were to be for sale it would be worth about \$100 million."

The facsimile was donated in 1985 by the Class of 1957, said Susan Bowlin, a librarian in Moody Memorial Library's rare books section.

"Dr. Edward Dalglish, who is now deceased, was able to get rare books for our libraries," retired professor Dr. Glen Hilburn said. "I'm certain that



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The Gutenberg Bible facsimile sits in the Jesse H. Jones Library foyer. It is a handmade replica of the Mazarin Library copy of Gutenberg's work.

his contacts got us that copy of the Gutenberg Bible. He was an amazing man with contacts everywhere and when very rare books became available at rea-

sonable prices he could acquire them."

Its four volumes are written in German. "The first two volumes contain historical background, a list of the copies of the Gutenberg Bible, transcription and translation into English," Goolsby said.

"Volumes three and four consist of a facsimile reprint of the Mazarin Library copy of the Gutenberg Bible," Bowlin said.

Johann Gutenberg of Germany printed the original Gutenberg Bibles in 1455. The production of this Bible marked the beginning of mass printing.

The closest original Gutenberg Bible is in the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

One of the original copies was put on display in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts center 16 years ago.

However, since Baylor has acquired the facsimile, the original hasn't returned to Waco.

BEAR BRIEFS

CIA job info session

The Central Intelligence Agency will hold an information session from 6 to 8 p.m. today in 110 Cashion Academic Center. The session will highlight positions that are open in the agency. There will also be a question and answer session.

Flemish Fortnight show

Norbert Nozy and Gilbert DeGreeve will perform at 7:30

p.m. today in the Meadows Recital Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building as part of the Flemish Fortnight series. The event is free and open to the public.

Theatre production

Baylor Theatre presents William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, running through Oct. 1 in the Mabee Theatre in the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center. The production will be directed by Nate Records. Call 710-1865 for ticket information.

Prayer at the quad

Midnight at the Quad, an evening prayer and worship service, will be held at 11 p.m. today at the Burleson Quadrangle.

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Duo brings fresh skill, chemistry to Lady Bears volleyball team

By **Brittany McGuire**
Sports writer

The "Killer B's" have been buzzing in Waco. No, not Houston Astro greats Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman. The Baylor Lady Bears volleyball team has found its own pair of "Killer B's" in freshmen Taylor Barnes and Anna Breyfogle.

This freshmen duo has been turning heads since day one, bringing youth and talent to an experienced Lady Bear squad.

"We spent a lot of years recruiting them," Head Coach Jim Barnes said. "We knew what they could do coming in. But it's nice seeing them adjust so quickly."

Adjust may be a bit of an understatement. Both players have started all 15 matches this season and are helping lead the team on offense.

Arlington native Barnes leads the Lady Bears with 547 set assists and 23 service aces on the season, while Buda native Breyfogle ranks third behind seniors Nicole LeBlanc and Desiree Guillard-Young with 114 kills and second with 64 blocks.

Being a starting freshman may carry some extra pressure, but Barnes said she and Breyfogle have held up well.

"I know that they expect the same level of play from us that they expect

from Nic and Des," she said. "They don't pressure us. They just want us to play relaxed and have fun."

Breyfogle said she felt nervous at the beginning of the season, but playing every match has boosted her confidence.

"It's gradually gone away," Breyfogle said. "There's always going to be a little bit of pressure, but that's normal. They're just pushing us to do our best."

Before making names for themselves at Baylor, Barnes and Breyfogle each had a standout high school career.

Barnes started her career in fourth grade after watching her mother coach junior high. She said the game appealed to her because it was more of a "celebratory" game than a physical sport.

"I saw the girls having fun, and I wanted to do it too," she said.

Barnes immediately started training as a setter and flourished through high school and club play. As a senior, she led James Martin High School to the 5A Texas state championship, and was later named the state tournament MVP. She was also named the Texas Gatorade Player of the Year and was tabbed an All-American by prepvolleyball.com.

Barnes was recruited by many schools, but after visiting the Universities of Washington and Tennessee, she said Baylor was her "home-from-home."

"(The other schools) just didn't fit. Here, it was real homey and family-oriented," Barnes said. "Plus it's good to have the family support here."

Barnes had been watching Taylor since her freshman year in high school but said it took him a little longer to find Breyfogle.

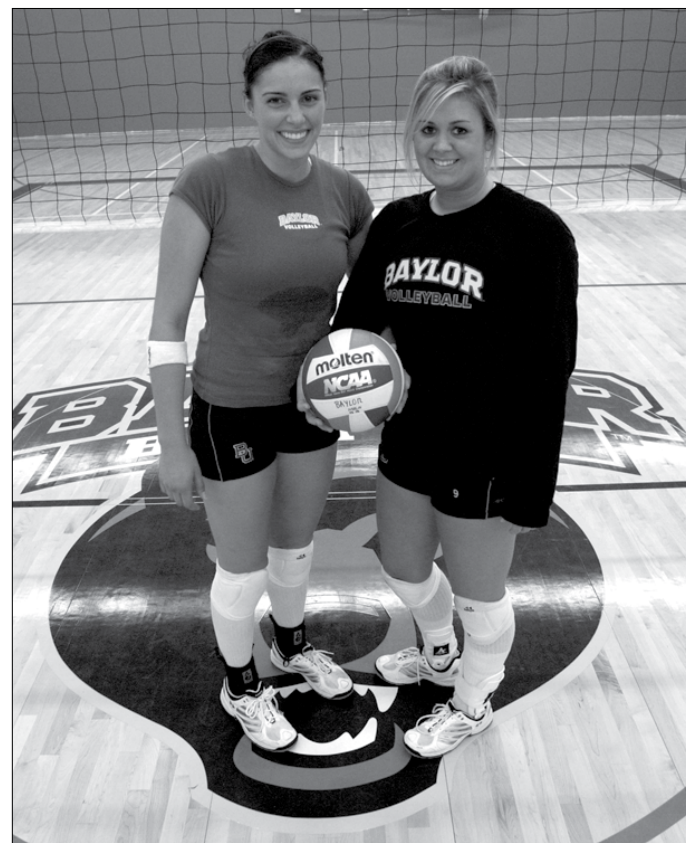
"Anna's someone we've been watching since junior year," he said. "She's one of those players that just kept getting better each year."

Breyfogle pulled her high school team, the Hays Rebel Jacks, to the state regional finals her senior year and was also tabbed a High School All-American. In 2005, she led her club team to the 18 National Division championship at the USA Junior Olympics and was a member of the Junior National Training team.

Breyfogle was considering Texas A&M University and the University of North Carolina, but after visiting Baylor, she said she couldn't imagine going anywhere else.

"I came here and absolutely loved it," Breyfogle said. "I was like, 'So this is what everyone's been talking about.'"

Barnes committed to Baylor in the spring of her junior year, while Breyfogle committed a few months later just before the start of her senior year. While they never played against each other, both said they were looking forward to being Lady Bears together.



Freshmen volleyball players Anna Breyfogle, left, and Taylor Barnes, both High School All-Americans, were recruited at several universities but chose Baylor because of its location and reputation. The two players, middle blocker and setter (respectively), are already earning their keep for the Lady Bears (13, 2, 2-1 in Big 12 play).

Melea Burke/
Lariat staff

"I went and watched Anna play, and I was like, 'Yes,'" Barnes said.

Personality-wise, Breyfogle and Barnes couldn't be more similar.

"Every time we order food, we always order the same thing," Barnes said.

Even their aches and pains are similar. Breyfogle said that whatever's hurting one hurts the other.

Whether eating out with friends or icing their shins after practice, the two said they're always together.

"They complement each other well," Barnes said. "I think off-court affects on-court in everything you do."

Breyfogle, Taylor Barnes and the rest of the Lady Bears volleyball team will travel to Columbia, Mo. to face off against No. 19 University of Missouri at 6:30 p.m. today.

Although they both have a bright future ahead, head Coach Jim Barnes said he's excited about the impact the two have already made on the team.

Running game improves as record worsens

Bears not satisfied with topping 3-game rushing total

By **Will Parchman**
Sports writer

It was obvious from Baylor's first offensive snap against the Army Black Knights on Saturday that the running game was no longer a mere afterthought.

The running game that was nonexistent in the Bears' first three contests was resurrected against the Black Knights, and head Coach Guy Morriss wasted no time enforcing it.

Of the Bears' first five plays, four were rushes from starting running back Brandon Whitaker, who ended the day with a season-high of nine rushes for 31 yards.

Running backs Whitaker, Paul Mosley and wide receiver Justin Fenty combined for 12 first-half carries, which equaled their four-quarter average in their first three games.

Army's defensive effort improved as the game progressed and the running game slowed.

But Whitaker said the important thing is to keep pounding away, and the rest will fall in place.

"We haven't run that much in our last couple games, so we tried to do that a little more," Whitaker said.

"It seemed like it was working at the beginning, and it's just one of those things we have to keep working at."

The first quarter served as a reminder of what a solid running game can do for an

offense that relies heavily on the passing game.

On Baylor's first drive of the night, Whitaker carried the ball five times for 18 yards and had Army on the Bears' heels.

Army was forced to account for the Bears' surprisingly effective ground game, and it allowed quarterback Shawn Bell a great deal of success early on. He threw for 125 yards, a touchdown and only one incompleting in the first quarter.

Solid, all-around play from the offense gave Baylor a 10-0 first quarter lead, the Bears' largest lead of the day.

But Army's defense clamped down, and the Bears would unsuccessfully attempt to rekindle their tremendous first-quarter production for the rest of the game.

Further emphasizing Baylor's increased commitment to the ground game Saturday, Mosley scored the Bears' first rushing touchdown of the season in the third quarter. The two-yard touchdown run gave the Bears a lead they would hold until midway through the fourth quarter.

"The way Army's defense was built, we felt we'd be able to run the ball on them a whole lot more," said Mosley, who also posted season highs Saturday in carries (14) and rushing yards (38).

"I think the running game went fairly well for us this game," he said.

The rushing attack is always a secondary concern in the spread offense the Bears employ, and there's no reason to believe that will change any time soon.

Baylor offensive coordinator Lee Hays expressed anxiety after Saturday's game

about the Bears' seemingly one-dimensional offense.

The Bears totaled just 57 yards rushing, an average of 19 yards per game and 1.4 yards per rush in their first three games combined.

It took four quarters Saturday for the Bears to surpass their previous 12 quarters of ground production.

Baylor finished the game with 62 yards on the ground, their highest output of the season.

Anyone would have a hard time convincing Morriss that 62 total yards rushing was a terribly productive day.

But considering the newness of the offense and the inexperience of the offensive line, Morriss and his assistants are taking any improvement that falls their way. Especially in what many consider a struggling offense.

"I thought they ran hard," Morriss said of Whitaker and Mosley. "We're close. We just need to get those guys some more lanes to run through."

While Morriss said that even though the running game was less effective than he wanted, he was still pleased by the effort.

"It's hard to keep following the running game when you're not being real productive, but it was better," Morriss said. "Just wasn't good enough."

The Bears have not abandoned the spread offense.

Morriss believes a more balanced attack that includes a nice complement to the passing game could bring more touchdowns, more wins and a late push at a bowl bid.



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'Modern Times' sticks to classic themes

By Brad Briggs
Reporter

War is upon us, floods are rising and people are fleeing for their lives. Yet Bob Dylan doesn't seem to mind; he knows what happens because he has seen this before.

ALBUMREVIEW

Dylan's brilliance can be seen once again in his new album, *Modern Times*. What makes his music so good is not that he does anything new; it's that he sticks to the roots and just does it better than anyone else.

Since Dylan's self-titled debut album in 1962, the fact that he still has something to say 44 years later is

truly astounding. What may be even more impressive is that little has changed in his music over the years.

Heartbreak, apocalypse, love and redemption are revisited in the new album. The times are changing, as he once sang, but Dylan adds this time around that some things stay the same.

"Thunder on the Mountain," the album's first track, speaks directly to these themes. The world around him is falling apart. All he can think about, though, is what lies ahead of him and what kind of woman he wants. In the song, he says he's thinking about singer Alicia Keys even though she is much younger than him.

"When she was born in Hell's Kitchen, I was livin' down the line,"

he sings. But Dylan says a woman like her would be worth searching for.

Dylan is notorious for mumbling his already cryptic lyrics. But like listening to your grandfather's voice of gravel, the words can be worth the listen.

"Workingman's Blues #2" is another ballad paying tribute to blue-collar America. The song captures how larger events invade the simple life of the small-town worker.

"Well, the place I love best is a sweet memory. It's a new path we trod. They say low wages are a reality, if we want to compete abroad."

"The Levee's Gonna Break" is an obvious rendition of "When the Levee Breaks," originally recorded in 1929 and made famous by Led Zep-

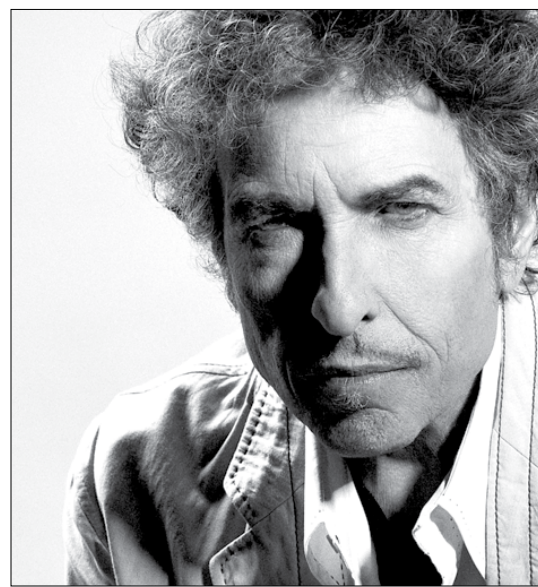
pelin in 1970. The song gives eerie and haunting visions of the Great Mississippi flood of 1927, although the first thing the listener will think of is Hurricane Katrina.

As in many of his songs before, you're not quite sure what he means by some of the lyrics in *Modern Times*. He doesn't give us the courtesy of specifically referring to anything current or political, and Dylan wouldn't have it any other way.

As always, he transitions through rock and roll, jazz, country, folk and gospel effortlessly.

Modern Times sounds anything but modern, and that's what makes it so good. It easily could have been made in the 1930s as it could have today.

Grade: B+



Courtesy photo

Bob Dylan's new album, *Modern Times*, was released Aug. 29. Dylan's first album in five years revisits many of the same themes present in his 1962 debut album.

Mars Volta emanates infectious ingenuity

By Stephen Cortez
Contributor

If the name The Mars Volta is a new one to you, it should be new no longer.

ALBUMREVIEW

The Mars Volta is the brainchild of vocalist Cedric Bixler-Zavala and guitarist Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, who blend genre-bending musicianship and incredible complexity that few artists can compete with.

Perhaps the reason The Mars Volta has remained under the radar through *Amputechture*, its third full-length release, is because the public has heard few bands with its ingenuity.

The band combines excellent lyrics with a musical style that draws on every influence from '70s classic rock to modern progressive rock to Latin stylings.

Every bit of the talent The Mars Volta possesses was present on its previous releases, *DeLoused in the Comatorium* and *Frances the Mute*. That talent is still evident here, yet never before has everything come together so perfectly.

Be warned, however, this disc is far from radio friendly. Three songs clock in at more than 11 minutes.

It is probably the longest eight-song album you will ever listen to, yet it's one of the band's charms.

After a gentle beginning with "Vicarious Atonement," *Amputechture* moves on to the chaotic 16-minute "Tetragrammaton," which displays some of the more impressive guitar work from Rodriguez-Lopez.

"Meccamputechture" is one of the more deranged songs on the album and features a brilliant ambiance created by the mixture of guitar, saxophone and keyboard throughout the 11-minute epic.

"Viscera Eyes," the album's single (well, about half of it), may be The Mars Volta's crowning achievement. An infectious beat, terrific lyrics (even though half of them are in Spanish) and more quality ambiance-building musicianship create a brilliant song.

"Day of the Baphomets" is another incredible song that keeps you on your toes. The drumming in this song is superb. This 12-minute saga of pure pandemonium is right up there with "Viscera Eyes" as the finest efforts from The Mars Volta.

Adjectives such as chaotic and deranged are not words traditionally used to describe quality music. For that fact, 11-plus-minute songs are usually a detractor.

In addition, who sings half of a song in Spanish? These guys do, and that's what makes them so innovative.

Whether or not you appreciate The Mars Volta's music, listeners must salute its radical and fearless approach.

Amputechture, and The Mars Volta in general, certainly aren't for everyone. Its style is unconventional and usually takes a few listens to wrap your mind around it.

However, if you become savvy to it, you will only crave more. This album is an excellent exhibit of everything the band has to offer and is definitely one to explore if you are looking for a change of pace.

Grade: A

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is commonly found in the ocean depths and in cold regions such as Alaska. According to Dunbar, if only a small percentage of the available amount of this source were used, it would probably equal more than the amount of natural gas known to exist today.

Although methane hydrate is considered a fossil fuel, Dunbar says, technological advances in finding fossil fuels may be just as important as finding alternative fuels in the immediate future.

"The fact is, the oil we have now is largely due to advances in technology," Dunbar said.

Van Walsum's research focuses on renewable resources of energy and the conversion of biomass, the organic byproducts of animals.

His research includes finding ways to use the fiber from grass for fuel and working to convert biomass into useful chemicals in order to reduce runoff.

Van Walsum says that the local farm project will not only create useful items for the farmers, but also help improve the quality of water in Waco.

Almost as important as the search for alternative fuels is the need to become more responsible when dealing with recyclable materials.

Currently, there is no official recycling program on campus, although the Environmental Concerned Organization hopes to change that.

The student organization currently has a recycling collection bin behind the Goebel Building.

They maintain it themselves, occasionally taking it to a local recycling center in Waco.

The President of the Environmental Concern Organization, Woodlands senior Rachel Suter, said that the group has been trying to lobby the university to adopt a recycling program for about a year.

"We want to be able to have recycling bins in and around the academic buildings and the Bill Daniel Student Center where people can see and use them," Suter said.

Last year the organization led a petition drive where students sent postcards to President John Lilley and the administration expressing their concern about the university's lack of recycling facilities, but the group has yet to hear back from anyone.

Van Walsum said that the administration is partly to blame for Baylor's lagging efforts regarding a recycling program on campus.

"I think the problem has been a lack of leadership on the university's part," Van Walsum said.

He also said that it's unfortunate that people will only change their lifestyle when it affects their pocketbook.

"If you could charge people for their garbage and make recycling free, then people would be more motivated," Van Walsum said.

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ciated Press. "I know a little bit about golf. I know how to make a stew. And I know how to be a decent man."

"He was one of the great people of all time, in addition to being one of the greatest players who ever lived," Arnold Palmer said in a statement. "I don't think that anyone will ever exceed the things that Byron did by winning 11 tournaments in a row in one year. But, I suppose that is not the most

admirable thing that he did, although it was certainly tremendous. He was a fantastic person whom I admired from the time I was a boy."

Nelson's second British Open was in 1955, when he was no longer a serious competitor, although he did win the French Open on that trip for his last professional victory. His prize money, however, was not enough to pay the hotel bill.

"I had to put up another \$200," he told the AP with a

huge smile.

Nelson was born Feb. 4, 1912, on the family farm and started in golf in 1922 as a caddy at Glen Garden Country Club in Fort Worth. One year, he won the caddies' championship, defeating Hogan in a playoff.

It was the beginning of a rivalry that never really materialized.

Though they were born six months apart, Nelson won all five of his major championships before he was 34 and Ho-

gan won all nine of his after he was 34. Sam Snead, the all-time leader in PGA victories, also was born in 1912.

He made an appearance each year at the Masters, joining Snead and Gene Sarazen in hitting the ceremonial first balls, and hosted the Byron Nelson Classic each May.

"I did not ever dream in my wildest imagination there would be as much money on that people would hit the ball so far," Nelson said in his 1997 interview with the AP.

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client as well."

King, who owns a piercing studio in Oklahoma City, said getting a piercing done by "people who don't know what they're doing" can lead to several problems.

"Yesterday, a lady came in who (had gotten) a piercing through a herniated naval which, can be really dangerous," he said. "They had to take her to the hospital."

King also said a good piercer would know how to locate veins in the tongue and be able to avoid hitting them.

"If you get a piercing through a vein (in your tongue), you could have a significant amount of blood loss," he said. "It won't kill you, but it would be bloody. We've been open 11 years... and have had it happen one time."

He said his studio turns down tongue piercings when the person getting it done has a short tongue because piercing a short tongue can cause gum or tooth damage.

King said infections can occur after

piercing if the client goes swimming before the piercing heals or if the area isn't cleaned the way it should be.

Matt Nieten, a Pearland senior, said despite the precautions he's taken, three of the 13 piercings he's received have closed up after getting infected. But that hasn't stopped him from adding to his piercing collection.

On Tuesday, he went to Southern Cultures on Franklin Avenue to replace the cartilage and eyebrow piercings he's lost through infections.

He said he always makes sure the studios where he gets pierced are certified and that he refuses to go any place that doesn't use "single sterile needles" instead of a piercing-gun.

"You have to be smart and you have to be safe," Nieten said. "You wouldn't go and get your buddy do surgery for you. It's the same kind of thing."

Jessi Gilleland, who works at Claire's in Richland Mall, said they average five to eight piercings a day. A few of them are Baylor students.

She said the store's employees are trained to do piercings on site.

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well as Georgia and North Carolina to "celebrate the art of black preaching," Minister Alice Bellow of Fort Worth said.

The conference includes worship services, a banquet, luncheons and classes on topics such as the preacher's response to 21st century challenges in the black church and community, biblical tools and research techniques for sermon preparation and women in ministry.

"We come to the preaching conferences not to boast about who we are, but to learn something from somebody," the Rev. Ronald Edwards of Goliad said.

Taylor said the job of the preacher is to address the central issue of the finality of life.

"History, I find, cannot be cyclical because it would have no finality. We would only go round and round," Taylor said. "But there is a judgment, there is an end."

Taylor also addressed the shortcomings of preaching in today's society.

"In many ways, in Texas, God is a marketplace trade term for prosperity," Taylor said. "You rarely hear a word about Calvary, about suffering for the gospel, but the reward does not come without effort and struggle."

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association with the Masons, said Roger Olson, George W. Truett Theological Seminary professor.

Every Baylor president until Robert B. Sloan was a member of the Masonic order, Olson said.

Unlike European Masonry, which has been cast in a negative light due to secrecy and ancient rituals, "American Masonry is much more acceptable than European," David Hendon, professor of history, said. "It's perfectly respectable."

American Masonry, especially in the South, tends to be more

of a conservative business club, Hendon said. In Europe, however, Masons are thought of as liberals who propagate their secrets through popular culture, such as Mozart's "The Magic Flute," a composition filled with Masonic traditions and beliefs, Hendon said.

Today's Masonic Order is heavily involved with the community. The groups support Scottish Rite and other charities and emphasize the value of education, Waden said.

For example, when a school building is first erected, the Masons are very involved with funding and building, Waden said. To make their mark, a cor-

nerstone is laid to demonstrate Mason involvement, Waden said. At Baylor, the Masons placed a cornerstone at the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Hendon said the only thing that's kept secret is its ritual work.

"It's just something we go by to give us a purpose," he said.

The Masons don't support one specific religion; however, one must believe in God and be of solid, upright moral character to qualify, Hendon said.

"I would challenge anybody to say we were a religious order," Hendon said.

Olson disagrees. Olson uses the book *Meaning of Masonry*,

written by W. L. Wilhurst (a Mason), as a theological reference to question Masons on the meaning of the Order.

"Some Masons don't know the full and true history of Masonry," Olson said. "It doesn't take a whole lot of searching to find that out."

Olson was alarmed by what Wilhurst says about Masonry in his book.

"The real meaning of mason symbols is gnostic," Olson said. "They believe the soul of a man is a spark of God himself imminent within us. That's a religion; it's gnosticism."

Olson also has asked Mason acquaintances about the

ceremony performed at Mason funerals, which is separate from the traditional ceremony.

During this ceremony, non-Masons must leave while Mason rituals are performed, Olson said.

Masonry does not believe in the resurrection of the body, he said, which differs from the beliefs of Christians.

Some Christian Masons say they're free to believe what they want, Olson said, but he questioned why someone would want to belong to a society that goes against their church beliefs.

As for the white, male-only policy, Waden said he would like to see eventual integration,

"The segregation bothers me, but it doesn't mean they don't have a right to exist," Olson said.

Michael Parrish, a professor of history, said Masons are still segregated due to "self-segregation."

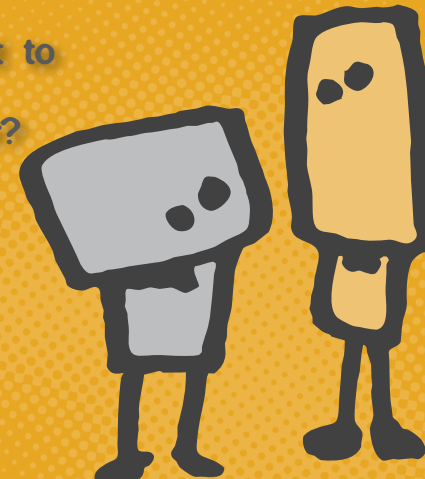
Fraternities, churches and various clubs tend to be segregated because people want to be with others like themselves, he said. Currently, Mason numbers are declining due to a "change in family values," Parrish said.

Fathers have become more involved in their families' lives and no longer have time for meetings and fraternal organizations, he said.

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