

# THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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Close to 200 faculty members showed up to the state-of-the-university forum Monday in Bennett Auditorium where President John Lilley took time to answer their questions.

## Fonville, McVicker to battle for presidential position

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

Voting for student body president will recommence from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. The race is now between Bush Prairie, Wash., junior Chase McVicker and Garland junior Bryan Fonville.

Wescosville, Pa., junior Sam Chen was declared ineligible to run because he didn't meet the eligibility requirement stating that a candidate for student body president must have previously been a student body officer, an officer of student government elected by the student body or a representative to Student Senate.

All votes cast on Diadeloso were invalidated and will not count toward the new election.

In a previous hearing, McVicker was disqualified from the election by the Electoral Commission for various infractions of the Electoral Code.

McVicker then appealed to President John Lilley, who remanded the case back to the Student Court, leaving the decision completely up to them.

McVicker's appeal to Lilley was based on the claim that the commission had overstepped its power in throwing him out of the election.

Student Court decided 5-1 on Friday night to put McVicker back on the ballot, ruling that the commission was within its constitutional power to throw him out of the election, but that its ruling was too harsh considering the violation.

"In the end, I had to take down my Facebook group and my fliers, which is understandable," McVicker said. "I deserved to be punished, but I didn't deserve to be taken off the ballot."

Alief senior Nekpen Osuan, electoral commissioner, feels differently.

"I don't feel that the punishment we gave Chase was too severe," she said. "It's our job to find the intent behind the crime, and we didn't see it as fair to keep Mr. McVicker on the ballot after intentionally ignoring such an important requirement of campaigning. We want to keep the playing field level."

McVicker and his campaign claim that the Electoral Commission, a group of individuals chosen at the discretion of the commissioner, holds too much power.

"The reason we appealed to Lilley was for him to see that the commission had too much power," McVicker said. "Next year we will work to restructure the Electoral Code to ensure that this group will have more checks and balances and that their activities are regulated by a third party."

Osuan said that all of their power comes from

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## Tenure decisions unexplainable, Lilley says

The president also said he was not in favor of adding a student to the Board of Regents

By Anita Pere  
Staff writer

The university tenure dispute reigned supreme at the faculty and student forums Monday in Bennett Auditorium.

President John Lilley and provost Randall O'Brien answered faculty members' questions during the state-of-the-university forum, which lasted an hour and a half.

Lilley stayed to respond to students' concerns for another hour. The names of faculty members and students that asked questions were not recorded in an effort to promote uninhibited questioning.

Both groups sought explanation of the university's recent tenure decisions, and although many of their questions couldn't be answered due to privacy legal-

ities, Lilley revealed some new information.

Lilley said his trust in the tenure recommendations of deans and departments "depends on the deans and the department," a statement particularly disturbing to faculty members.

Lilley said there were cases of unsatisfactory candidate reviews from deans and departments, but the dean or department recommended the candidate be tenured anyway.

The university will work with department deans over the summer on to ensure this won't happen again, Lilley said.

Lilley commented on the faculty senate's motion requesting data on the number of faculty members the tenure committee recommended be denied tenure, versus the actual number of those denied. The president said the university's legal counsel is considering the request, and at this time he doesn't know if he will be able to reveal the information.

Lilley said it would be "immensely helpful" for faculty

to understand all the contributing factors to each tenure decision, but this would violate privacy laws.

"Tenure is just a very tough situation because you just can't explain what you've done," Lilley said to *The Baylor Lariat* after the forums.

During his opening remarks, Lilley warned that he must practice discretion in speaking about the tenure decisions. He also said in his initial remarks that there is a "fair amount of misinformation floating around on campus" regarding the tenure decisions.

But students didn't receive the same forethoughts.

One student inquired about the reasoning behind denying Randall Jean, associate professor in the department of electrical and computer engineering. Another asked about Carolyn Skurla, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, who is rumored to have been denied tenure.

Lilley could not comment on these individuals.

One faculty member asked if

Lilley deferred to a candidate's departmental tenure guidelines if recommendations conflicted.

Lilley said, "deference is based on the reasoning given," not the policy of the candidate's department.

Another faculty member noted the tenure standards outlined by the American Association of University Professors and practiced at tier-one universities.

According to the AAUP, faculty members ultimately decide which candidates are granted tenure; only in rare cases should the president intervene.

One professor said he isn't sure how to guide those seeking tenure in his department. The only remedy Lilley gave was to say tenure applicants should show their true selves, and what they can do with the resources Baylor gives them.

Lilley also said he had never heard that the criteria for tenure — a satisfactory record of teaching, research and creative

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## Officer shocked student with Taser after pursuit Thursday

By Christina Kruse  
Staff writer

A Baylor student was shocked with a Taser Thursday on Diadeloso after throwing a beer on a police officer and then running, according to Waco police reports.

Crawford senior Adam Murphy was arrested Thursday on charges of resisting arrest and

assaulting a public servant.

Waco police responded to a call around 3:40 p.m. Thursday about a traffic hazard on the intersection of South 10th Street and Bagby Avenue. The traffic hazard was a party, consisting of several hundred people, a basketball goal and an inflatable "moonwalk," according to Waco police reports. The Baylor campus police and the

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission responded to the call as well.

As police were clearing the streets, Murphy threw beer on an officer and ran, according to police reports. Police chased Murphy and used a Taser to end the pursuit, according to police reports.

Murphy was taken to McLennan County Jail and released

on a \$2,000 bond the next day, McLennan County Jail spokeswoman said. If convicted of assaulting a police officer, a third degree felony, Murphy faces from two to 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 fine, according to the Texas Penal Code.

In addition to the arrest, about five citations were issued in relation to alcohol offenses,

Waco police department spokesman Steve Anderson said.

"There is that small percentage that ruins it for everybody," Anderson said.

The Waco police department has not previously dealt with large-scale parties that have gotten out of hand during Diadeloso, Anderson said. However, this incident will "put a little bit of awareness out for next year."

The Baylor campus police department is wary of the night before Diadeloso, deeming it the "Night of the Beer," Baylor campus police chief Jim Doak said.

However, Doak said campus police were not as busy during Diadeloso time compared to last year.

"This year, we were pleasantly surprised," he said.

## 'Expelled' encourages intelligent design discussion, Chen says

By Lynn Ngo and Shannon Daily  
Reporter and Staff writer

Friday marked the nationwide opening of the movie *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*.

In the movie, Ben Stein, an actor generally known for his game show, *Win Ben Stein's Money*, questions the role of intelligent design in the academic world.

Several Baylor professors,

including Dr. Robert Marks and Dr. Walter Bradley, both distinguished professors in the engineering and computer science department, were interviewed for the film.

Marks and Bradley were among the opening night crowd at the Hollywood Walkers.

For a student review of *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, see story, page 6.

"I thought it portrayed things pretty well as they are — that science by decree of entrenched Darwinism has no room for a God hypothesis," Marks said. "I on the other hand think that one cannot pursue truth without consideration of a creator."

Marks said if science defines science as void of a creator, then it's not a pursuit of truth.

Bradley said in an e-mail to *The Baylor Lariat* there were

areas he would have liked to see explored in more detail.

"The general thesis that belief in an intelligently designed universe can prevent people from being hired or cause them to lose their job is sadly true in many universities, maybe even in some departments at Baylor," Bradley said.

Allentown, Pa., junior Sam Chen has also been involved

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*Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* associate producer Mark Mathis speaks with Baylor director of media relations Lori Fogleman, Sept. 21, 2007 while doing research for the film.

David Poe/  
Lariat staff

# Tattoos could bring glamour of sports to academia

When an NBA player is "in the paint," he literally is. Since over 70 percent of NBA players have tattoos, we must first point out that college professors are way behind in this category. Most pros are mature enough to make a wise tattoo choice, yet lag behind making this fashion statement.

We compare this to the mental prowess of NFL player Vince Young, who had "V. Young" imprinted on his back, just like it looks on his jersey. Thankfully, this puts to rest the rumor that Vince achieved the all-time lowest score on the NFL's Wonderlic intelligence test.

But what if tattoos became more prevalent among college professors? A subdued yet stylish tat might showcase ECON or STATS or BIO intertwined with barbed wire on one's biceps.

With the infrequent opportunity for male faculty to show their "guns" off, these can be revealed for maximum effect for admiring students when wearing a short-sleeved shirt and writing equations at the top of the marker board.

Please take a moment with your friends to picture this for a teacher of your choice. I think we can all see why this would be a great way to add value for

## sports humor



BY KIRK WAKEFIELD

your classes.

Females may choose an attractive arms-length tattoo like that sported by this season's American Idol contestant Carly Smithson. Although Simon Cowell might disapprove, fashion merchandising professors could adorn themselves with field-appropriate pigments depicting

leading shopping malls, retail shops or maybe just the major — so as to remind those students who may forget from class to class.

Before my fashion merchandising friends point out that shopping is not the dominant theme of their chosen study, let me note that we're trying to do what we can for the good of the cause by promoting tattoos for those who are style-challenged.

Here I'm thinking of geology professors. Certain geology teachers in particular might benefit from having their entire bodies covered with slides of their field trips, which would

be far more entertaining than the typical presentation style familiar to the sciences and Ben Stein. Actually, maybe that's not such a good idea.

Perhaps this column might encourage more student-athletes to choose tattoos representative of their studies, offering thought-provoking messages to others.

We might see ESPN cameras zoom into the free-throw line to view on-skin quotes from Poincaré and Ward, respectively: "MATH is the art of giving the same name to different things." Or "JOURNALISM is merely history's first draft."

Just in case you think I'm only willing to make fun of everyone else's major, let me point out that I would be happy to call you by your first and last name at dinner time to ask survey questions or to add needless credit card features.

In any case, to get this trend started, and in an effort to increase my teaching evaluations, I have already had MKT translated into Chinese and embroidered on my forearms. Just wait until they see me write on the board!

Dr. Kirk Wakefield is chairman of the marketing department in the Hankamer School of Business.

### Editorial

## Election fuss ridiculous

Last year, the hullabaloo was over a Facebook group. This year, the trouble seems to be fliers posted in the bathroom. Yep, it's that time of year again: Student Government elections are on, and unfortunately, last year's trend of childish behavior shows no sign of flagging this year.

Though most of the electoral races progressed smoothly, two of the three candidates for student body president were removed from the ballot by election time. While it is commendable that Student Government members care about following procedure, one has to ask if the excessive credence given to seemingly minor rules is really the best way to serve students.

If you ask the average Baylor student what he or she thinks of all the fuss, you're not likely to get an impassioned speech on the importance of electoral codes. Instead, he or she is more likely to point out that two of the three options for student body president have been removed at least once during the electoral process — all for reasons that seem relatively minor.

Chase McVicker was taken off the ballot for violating the Electoral Code. McVicker was (and remains) the candidate endorsed by *The Baylor Lariat*, because of his practical ideas and strong record of leadership. Unfortunately, those qualities seem to be considered less important than a detailed knowledge of all of Student Government's many rules, regulations and bylaws.

McVicker serves as the president of Bear Pit and sent an e-mail to his members, telling them he was running for office. That was his first transgression. His second transgression involved posting fliers in the bathrooms of the Baylor Sciences Building, an act that is apparently against the rules.



Instead of just giving him a slap on the wrist, the Electoral Commission notified McVicker at 11:50 p.m. the night before elections that they had voted unanimously to remove him from the ballot. Neither of these violations is worth removing a candidate from the ballot, especially a candidate as qualified and sincere as McVicker. Putting fliers in the bathroom and informing an organization you're involved in that you're running for office is hardly comparable to illicit campaign funding or bribery.

Sam Chen was also removed from the ballot, since as a justice on Student Court, he is an appointed official, not an elected one. If Chen was not quali-

fied to run, the electoral commissioner should have informed him of that immediately, so that he wouldn't have started campaigning. Informing him close to the election does a disservice to everyone. More importantly, who cares if Chen was elected or appointed? He's still spent a year holding an office in Student Government. While experience gained on Student Court may be different than Student Senate, it is still experience that should be considered valid.

All of this brouhaha is missing the point of the election. This is supposed to be an opportunity for students to choose the best candidate for president, not for Student Government

members to get back at one another or fight about the bylaws.

Though McVicker has been reinstated and another election is taking place today, the debate was settled at a high price: dignity. The candidates appealed to President John Lilley, who subsequently sent the case back to Student Court. If Student Government members want the administration to take them seriously, then they need to stop running to them with petty squabbles and focus on what's important: the needs of the student body. As long as we keep asking Lilley to step in and settle our playground disputes, it's going to be hard to convince him to treat us like grown-ups.

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### Correction

The photo accompanying April 18 article "Engineers build lift to help therapy patients" contained an error. The student pictured is Shawn McGrath.

### Letters to the editor

#### Too much campaign drama

This election season at our esteemed university has found this individual in a perplexed state about the electoral process. Last year, as a candidate for IVP, I was able to witness this phenomenon, and the process was certainly an interesting thing to behold. Fortunately for myself, I was able to escape the drama of these current elections.

The elections have gone smoothly for the office of EVP and IVP; however, the race for the office of student body president continues and is looking to be a precarious one. The candidates have been narrowed down to one, not from what the stu-

dents have voted, but rather from the actions of the Electoral Commission and the charges being pressed by members of various campaigns.

One casualty of this campaign season was Sam Chen. Chen was disqualified for a technicality on the night before voting, even though the Electoral Commission had allowed him to run. They allowed him to spend his time, finances and energy because of an oversight that the commission had neglected to see. The second was Chase McVicker, who was removed from the ballot because he disturbed the aesthetics of bathroom stalls in the science building. Bryan Fonville has remained unscathed.

I was under the impression that elections in the spring are a chance for the student body to emerge from their studies and elect student officers that are their representatives to administrators and other universities. I am grieved to see the electoral process has become one in which those who politic the most effectively and use petty technicalities to weed out their competitors achieve victory.

Perhaps I am an idealistic individual who yearns for the simplicity of picking a candidate based on their capabilities. All I want is a student body president who will unify the students and lobby for students to our administrators. This is my last year at

Baylor, and many of those in my year will not concern themselves with the elections. However, these officers are your representatives. This is your last opportunity to assert your voice as a student. Don't let technicalities trump the true student voice. A real student body president is one who focuses their energy on the students. I implore you, do not let the struggle for power return, but rather think about who's too legit to quit.

Jen Kim  
Philosophy & Political Science 2008

#### Elections punished voters

I am writing in response to the April 18th article concerning the student body presiden-

tial elections. Only one word could express the thoughts going through my mind: disappointment. The position of student body president is a dignified elected position. However, this dignified position appears to have taken the road of dirty politics by the recent election. In fact, I am inclined to compare these events to the child like drama that you would find during our middle school years.

I understand that some campaigns have violated certain rules of the Electoral Codes. I agree that if this is the case then the violators should be reprimanded in a fair manner. After all, this process should proceed fairly and without bias. However,

these individuals were permitted to campaign for two weeks prior to the disclosure, plenty of time for the violations to be pointed out. By holding these infractions until the night before the voting began, the punishment was placed on us, the voters.

Suddenly the emphasis is no longer on who is capable of doing a greater service to the Baylor community, as should be the case, but on who did what and when. This is the kind of petty politics that has corrupted our government and legal systems today. I am ashamed to say that our generation seems to be no better.

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By Josiah Breward, Scranton, PA

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# No trays for lunch crowd

Charly Edsitty  
Reporter

Dining Services are serving up a new campaign, but don't expect a tray to come with that. Memorial Dining Hall kicked off Earth Week Monday and participated in a "tray-less" day, which is a part of their pledge to make more earth-friendly choices.

Students were asked to refrain from using a tray to carry their food in order to help curb excess food waste and decrease the amount of water used to wash them.

Going tray-less during lunch garnered mixed emotions from both students and staff dining in Memorial. Some didn't mind the change and others thought it was an annoyance.

"It was definitely inconvenient. It's harder to carry things when you don't have a tray," associate professor of economics Charles North said.

North said he wasn't even sure that this action would make much difference.

"It's not obvious to me that the gains to Aramark, with a (smaller) water bill and less food waste, are worth it for the students, faculty and staff that dine here," North said. "It reminds me of hotels who ask you to reuse your towel in order

to save the earth when the profit line is a bigger motivator than saving the earth."

Eagle Pass senior Judy Flores said she enjoyed the change.

"It feels more like when I'm eating at home. I think it creates more of an atmosphere of hominess," said Flores. "I like how Baylor is trying to incorporate being more green and doing little things that may not seem like a lot, but when you add it all together it makes a big difference."

Katie Tripp, marketing manager for dining services, said in an e-mail interview that going tray-less will reduce the thousands of gallons of water used to wash the 1.4 million trays per semester.

"During peak dining hours, there are approximately 140 pounds of food wasted in our residential dining locations. Everyone is welcome to an all-you-care-to-eat meal, but encouraging students to go tray-less will reduce the tendency to fill up a tray, thus reducing waste," Tripp said.

The new ad campaign posters, which are located near the entrances in all dining halls, have been out for a couple of weeks and are a collaborative effort by the dining services.

They list various facts and

tips along with pledges by Dining Services to support local farmers, hold sustainable lunches or dinners, utilize green cleaning products, and shut down kitchen equipment during non-operating periods.

"We just want to do our part to reduce waste, electricity, sewage, preserve natural resources and reduce our carbon footprint," Tripp said.

The campaign has received positive feedback and Tripp said it is a proactive way to encourage individuals and organizations to get involved.

"Sustainability practices are imperative. Baylor University Dining Services has been recycling and making efforts that positively impact the lives of the campus community," Tripp said. "We wanted to put a policy in place and let everyone know what we are doing and what we would like to do in moving forward to help our environment."

The cost of making such changes will be minimal, Tripp said.

"Overall it will be pretty cost neutral," she said. "Dining Services may see minimal savings for reduction in waste, a reduction in electricity and water, etc., but currently sustainable, biodegradable products cost more."



David Poe/Lariat staff

## Chocolate-covered Zetas

A woman, already covered in chocolate syrup, shies away from getting sprinkled with water from a hose at the Zeta Tau Alpha Crush on Fountain Mall Monday.

## BEAR BRIEFS

**Student Government** is holding a special election for student body president from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Students can vote online at [www.baylor.edu/sq/vote](http://www.baylor.edu/sq/vote).

**The Baylor ONE Campaign** is hosting Global Education Action Week. They will have a table at the Bill Daniel Student Center this week from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

**The Baylor University Women's Choir** will present their spring concert at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the school of music at 710-3991.

**The Indian Subcontinent Student Association** is holding Bhangra/Dandiya Night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. today in the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center. They will be teaching students how to perform an Indian fold dance. For more information, contact [George\\_Kannarkat@baylor.edu](mailto:George_Kannarkat@baylor.edu).

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# Texas Baptist director comes to Baylor to start off tenure

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Baptist General Convention of Texas executive director Reverend Randel Everett made a visit to Baylor's campus Friday to talk with faculty and students at George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Everett was elected as new executive director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) in February and officially started his tenure March 31. Everett is traveling around the state to meet with officials at Baptist institutions and talk with pastors.

"Since I've been elected executive

director I'm trying to get to as many places around Texas as I can in these first couple of months," Everett said. "I wanted to hear the stories of Texas Baptists so that we (BGCT) could be able to communicate them. We've got over 5,500 Texas Baptist congregations, but I would imagine most of them don't know that we have nine universities, four child care institutions and a number of hospitals, so we've got to start with learning the story and then telling the story."

Everett said that visiting Baylor was a top priority because it is such an important part of Baptist life.

"My wife Sheila and I love teaching them and listening to them," Everett said. "One of the things I wanted to communicate to them is that we have some tremendous Texas Baptist resources. Baylor University is one of Texas' best resources. The point I want to make to the students is how to pass these resources on to the next generation."

Everett said that the BGCT is very hopeful that the current generation of seminary students will come up with faith-based initiatives both inside and outside of the church.

"Being with seminary students, we find them to be sharp

and deeply concerned about their faith," Everett said. "I think many of us made mistakes in our generation - we got so caught up in building institutions, greed and power. We sense from the 20- to 30- year-olds that they are interested in community, authenticity and justice issues. We are hopeful that the next generation of church leaders and non-clergy leaders are going to find some new and exciting ways to share the hope of Christ."

Everett attended a portion of the New Baptist Covenant Celebration in Atlanta and said that unity within the Baptist denomination is an important issue.

"I think if we unite around

our purpose and vision, we can bring people together from divergent viewpoints," Everett said. "I hope that Baylor students and faculty realize that they are part of something that is not only statewide, but global. If we say our purpose is to unite around hope regardless of languages and cultures, some of the distinctiveness about different churches or individuals will not overshadow what we are doing."

Dean of Truett Seminary David Garland said that Everett communicated his points in a manner that was welcomed by the students in attendance.

"He relates well to students and has a clear sense of vision,"

Garland said. "I think he will be an outstanding leader for Texas Baptists. He basically said that the future belongs to the students, therefore when we talk about problems, they are going to be the ones giving the answers."

Garland said he hopes the students gained a more informed view about the BGCT and its mission.

"We hope that they don't think of the Baptist General Convention of Texas as simply an office in Dallas, but that they think of it as a family of over 5,500 churches, who in unity are stronger than just being isolated."

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# Bears claim 8th conference title

By Joe Holloway  
Reporter

The men's tennis team will travel to College Station to compete in the 2008 Big 12 Championship at the George P. Mitchell Tennis center on the Texas A&M University campus Friday.

As No. 2 seed, it's the first time since 2001 that Baylor will not enter the tournament as the No. 1 seeded team. But the Bears are undeterred.

"We're really close to being two or three in the country," head coach Matt Knoll said. "We feel like we're that kind of team and now we've got some opportunities to prove it."

Sharing a 5-1 conference record, the Bears ceded the top seed to the University of Texas as a result of their 4-3 loss to the Longhorns April 16 at home in Waco.

"I think we didn't play a great match," senior Lars Poerschke said of the loss. "We certainly had better matches this season."

Sophomore Dominik Mueller said that, despite the recent defeat, the team is looking forward to meeting the Longhorns again.

"We'll try to see Texas in the

final," he said. "But we have to win matches first."

Baylor does have some momentum on its side. A 5-2 rout of Texas Tech University garnered a seventh-straight regular season conference title for the Bears Saturday, a feat Knoll called "huge."

"It's a big deal and something we feel really great about, in particular on a day like this when our women clinched as well," he said. "It's a special day for Baylor athletics."

Mueller said that sharing the title with Texas, also a result of the April 16 loss, did not diminish the weight of the accomplishment.

"We are Big 12 Champions and we feel like it," he said. "It means a lot to me."

Poerschke echoed Mueller's comments, saying it was "great" to lift up a Big 12 Championship trophy every year of his collegiate career.

"It's kind of emotional," he said. "Four years is a big part of your life and now I need to move on."

Putting the emotions aside, Poerschke also said that he was just glad to have played well in his match. Riding a wave of aces, 15 in all, No. 8 ranked Poerschke



Alex Song/Lariat staff

Kerrville freshman Jordan Rux pumps his fist in Saturday's match against Texas Tech at the Baylor Tennis Center. The Bears won 5-2 and claimed their eighth Big 12 title.

quickly defeated Texas Tech's No. 28 ranked Bojan Szumanski 6-3, 6-3.

"My percentage on the first serve wasn't that high," Poerschke said. "But when I got it in, I got it to the spots and that was good."

There was little Szumanski could do.

"He got really frustrated at the end," Poerschke said.

No. 12 ranked sophomore Denes Lukacs also dispatched his opponent in a timely manner, winning the match against No. 85 Sinisa Markovic 6-2, 6-3. Mueller said that he was able to feed off of the success of Poerschke and Lukacs.

"We probably have some of the best one and two guys in the nation," he said. "It's great for us if we have such strong guys at the top two spots."

His 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 victory over Ilya Babinciuc clinched the match for the Bears, who had earlier won the doubles point by taking the No. 2 and 3 doubles matches.

"I think our doubles are ahead of where we thought they were," said Knoll. "We clearly dominated at two and three and then at one we lost in a tiebreaker, so our doubles are terrific. Up and down the lineup we were in the matches and we were doing a good job,"

# Baseball drops home-and-home series to A&M

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

The final meeting of the 2007-2008 Battle of the Brazos went to the Aggies over the weekend, as Texas A&M University swept the Baylor baseball team in a home-and-home series.

Baylor (23-17, 8-10) had chances to win both, with a pitcher's duel and a home run derby, but errors — both physical and mental — cost the Bears a win in the series.

"We're panicking," head coach Steve Smith said. "One was in the first inning (Sunday). After Willie Kempf throws one away, we throw it away again here at first."

Sunday's loss marks the fourth straight for the Bears, dating back to a 13-5 loss at Dallas Baptist Wednesday.

Friday, starting pitcher Kendal Volz kept the Aggie hitters in check, but Aggie pitcher Brooks Raley did the same with Baylor batters.

Saturday, Texas A&M crushed Shawn Tolleson and the Baylor bullpen with 11 runs.

"The ball was up," Smith said. "He pitched the first batter of the game well, but after that it was more lucky than good — and not very lucky."

Sunday, the Bears held a six-run lead in the top of the ninth before allowing a 7-0 run in the next three innings.

"I think we definitely missed our spot pitching," short stop Beamer Weems said. "We made four errors, so we didn't help the pitchers much there."

The Bears had a chance to tie in the bottom of the 11th. Catcher Gregg Glime stood at third with third baseman Shaver

Hansen on first with two outs. The base runners checked for a chance to run before Glime's trip and a short throw picked Glime off at third.

"That's a gamble," Smith said. "I could have pinch run for him, but I didn't. They didn't throw through — they threw short," he said of the catcher's pick. "Most guys would have full-armed a fake right there."

The Bears' offense, which had been dormant since conference play began, reappeared Sunday, giving hope for middle-of-the-pack Baylor. Its 22 hits marks the highest total of the season.

On the mound, performances from Volz, Kempf and Nick Cassavechia showed signs of promise.

"You'd like to think that the percentages are in your favor, but you still have to have some quality pitches," Smith said.

"You can't expect them to hit it right to you."

Baylor will look to redeem itself against its other conference rival for a midweek game against the University of Texas Longhorns.

"I think they got swept this weekend as well, so a lot of blood and sweat will be on the field," Hansen said.

The game is the fourth of seven games against conference opponents in a nine-day span. However, it will not count in the conference standings since it is a midweek game.

"It's a televised game," Hansen said. "We need to learn how to win in pressure situations."

The Longhorns (23-16, 8-10) and Baylor have nearly identical records, locking them in a tie for fifth in conference.

The game is slated to begin at 7 p.m. today at Baylor Ballpark.

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# Baylor sets new hunter seat goal

By Will Parchman  
Sports editor

As far as Ellen White is concerned, Baylor equestrian's performance at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships at the Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo Complex this past weekend was nothing short of a success.

The third-year head coach, who's seen Baylor improve from its infancy, watched her squad post a number of impressive performances over the weekend but came short of an elusive national title.

But just three years into the program, which White freely admits is a process, she said it's hard not to be impressed with how far the team has come, especially after a first season in which she said the team was "walking around like deer in the headlights."

So when White ran into the coach from the University of Tennessee-Martin, a first-year program going through the same struggles White did not too long ago, she knew all too well what they were going through.

"Three years ago, not knowing at all what we were doing, I couldn't have told you how we were going to be," White said. "I would have been ecstatic to have won the whole thing. I wouldn't have been extremely surprised by it, though ... We're just not that far away."

Twelve squads were seeded No. 1-12 in each event, with the University of Georgia winning the overall title, Auburn University capturing the hunter seat championship and Texas Christian University taking home the western title.

Baylor's No. 6-seeded hunter seat squad is its most decorated, and its record-setting performance set a new school benchmark for success in that competition.

Baylor finished No. 6 overall out of 12 participants in that category after finishing eighth in the last two VENC competitions.

That might not seem like a mammoth leap, but for a team



David Poe/Lariat staff

Texas Christian University senior Kindel Huffman rides in the Varsity Equestrian National Championships Saturday.

with no seniors and many players still learning how to cope with the stress of high-level competition with more established programs, White said each player is slowly learning what it takes to win at the collegiate level.

And, as always, she said there was plenty of room left over for improved performances next season.

"We were pretty much in the hunt the whole time," said White, who watched her team punch through Thursday's first-round action with two wins to move onto the next day of competition. "Those top teams are all so close. (Texas) A&M (University) ended up playing in the championship round, and we beat A&M just badly two weeks before, so you can't say we're that far behind A&M because we beat them not long ago."

A nice by-product of hosting the event for the second straight year was increased visibility for Baylor's newest scholarship sport.

While she said "there is always more work to be done," she saw the weekend's events as strong headway into a largely ambivalent attitude toward equestrian.

"That was a huge part of my push to go ahead and host (the VENC)," White said. "For us, to get in there and get our team hosting it, it allows Baylor to say, 'look, we're in it for the long haul, the school is behind us.'"

White said that the team's

preparation level was on a higher level than it was when Baylor hosted the same event last year. Instead of simply showing up and picking up whatever assigned goals they could scrounge up, the team's responsibilities were compartmentalized and streamlined for efficiency.

"We were much more organized on what I needed the team to do, and I think they cooperated and did a great job of getting all the horses ready and everything out there," White said.

Nicole Brown was perhaps Baylor's best shot at a national title, and she was a mere two points from claiming one Sunday.

In the finals of the event's first-ever individual competition in equitation over fences, Brown fell 162-160 to the University of South Carolina's Kristin Terebesi.

It was a disheartening loss for Brown, who was Baylor's most consistent and decorated rider this season. But White said her performance, as with the rest of the team's, should provide "some homework" for Baylor equestrian during the off-season.

"Nicole had a tough weekend. I'm really proud that she put it all together. She made a couple of mistakes in the championship match that opened the door for her opponent," White said. "However, she turned in a solid performance every single time."

# Heart exam advised before children get ADHD drugs

By Stephanie Nano  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Children should be screened for heart problems with an electrocardiogram before getting drugs like Ritalin to treat hyperactivity and attention-deficit disorder, the American Heart Association recommended Monday.

Stimulant drugs can increase blood pressure and heart rate. For most children, that isn't a problem. But in those with heart conditions, it could make them more vulnerable to sudden cardiac arrest — an erratic heartbeat that causes the heart to stop pumping blood through the body — and other heart problems.

About 2.5 million American

children and 1.5 million adults take medication for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, according to government estimates. Stimulant drugs, like Ritalin, Adderall and Concerta, help children with ADHD stay focused and control their behavior.

The medications already carry warnings of possible heart risks in those with heart defects or other heart problems, which some critics said were driven more by concerns of overuse of the drugs than their safety.

The heart group is now recommending a thorough exam, including a family history and an EKG, before children are put on the drugs to make sure that they don't have any undiagnosed heart issues.

"We don't want to keep children who have this from being treated. We want to do it as safely as possible," said Dr. Victoria Vetter, a pediatric cardiologist at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and head of the committee making the recommendation.

The label warnings were added after a review by the Food and Drug Administration of its databases found reports of 19 sudden deaths in children treated with ADHD drugs and 26 reports of other problems including strokes and fast heart rates between 1999 and 2003.

There were also reports of heart problems in adults; the committee didn't look at adults.

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the Electoral Code and that every action they took involving this election was sanctioned by that code.

"The purpose of that code is to keep candidates responsible for their actions, to keep our elections fair and clean, and to protect our voters," she said. "There is always room for change with something like this, but I am not of the opinion that the code is flawed. We don't do anything until some-

one complains that someone is doing something wrong."

Current student body president Travis Plummer gives a lot of credit to the Student Court for their role in deciding the fate of this election.

"I appreciate the court's decision to give the student body options for their student body president," he said. "They are the real heroes in all of this. I can only hope that any further violations will be dealt with between the remaining two candidates directly and won't require the services of the com-

mission or the court."

Fonville said that despite all of the controversy, he hopes the student body will take the time to vote because this election holds a great deal of importance.

"This election has been controversial, and it is my sincere hope that we can move past these rumors and difficulties to form a solid and cohesive student government," he said. "We have the opportunity to reexamine the election process in the hopes of avoiding these difficulties in the future."

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# Obviously not objective, 'Expelled' explores academic freedom

By Stephen Jablonski  
Reporter

If you attend Baylor University, you need to see this movie. But first, do a quick research of the following names: William A. Dembski, the Michael Polyani Center, Robert Marks II, Robert Sloan... In fact, brush up on the past ten or so years of Baylor history.

## MOVIE REVIEW

Whether you agree with Ben Stein and crew's opinions or not, this is a period of Baylor's history that should at least be considered. That being said, Ben Stein's *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* is obviously, horrendously, notably

one-sided. Scientific apologists, evolutionary biologists and atheists are ominously lit, and footage of Nazi action is intertwined with interviews to give those speaking in the shadows an air of incompetence. French history dabbler and two-time (once accidental) Baylor employee Dembski, distinguished professor in the electrical and computer engineering department Marks and a number of intelligent design researchers gain more uncut exposure than the shaded faces of evolutionary scientists. If a documentary is meant to be an objective account of opposing sides, this movie fails. Label it what you will, Ben Stein's *Expelled* is an opinion-

ated movie. And while it largely sensationalizes with correlations between evolutionary proponents and the world's most recognizable symbol of evil, Stein's primary purpose is not to tell you that evolutionary thought is wrong and intelligent design is wholly righteous. Its purpose is to simply ask, why can't anyone talk about intelligent design? There is a good portion of Stein's flick that does seem to nudge the thought, "science equals bad" into the brain; the last third of the movie discusses Hitler, the Holocaust and the relation of evil and evolution in eugenics. Atheism, which shouldn't have had any mention, is definitely given a bad light (literally

and figuratively), while religion comes out looking like the bullied innocent. But what makes *Expelled* a worthwhile viewing is its exploration into censorship and academic freedom. What I've gathered from the intelligent design versus evolution conflict is that this is more a war of titles and hypothesis than anything. Creationism? Intelligent design is not creationism because intelligent design doesn't imply the nullification of evolution or the existence or nonexistence of a religious deity (thus, *Expelled* places some distance between intelligent design and religion, though, in Mr. Stein's movie, religion does involve itself in the argument when it shouldn't). Sci-

ence? Philosophy? That's where the controversy seems to arise. The purpose of *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* is to show that intelligent design is not being given any acknowledgment when it's a viable topic of academic discussion, whatever it's labeled. Inexplicably, among those to turn down research, discussion or even take a stance on intelligent design are the Smithsonian Institute, Iowa State University, George Mason University and, of course, Baylor University. Dr. Ben Kelley, dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science and director of media relations Lori Fogleman said it has nothing to do with "content," but it's Marks' "process" that led to the removal of

his Web site. But, in light of the Dembski controversy, Sloan/Reynolds — and Old Baylor/New Baylor — related conflicts and Baylor's adamant attempts to run far, far away from anything associated with fundamentalism (again with the labels), the answer seems to be that Baylor doesn't want to discuss intelligent design because they don't want to become apart of the controversy. It's easier to make friends when you don't take sides. What the *Expelled* tries to say is: the line was never drawn. *Expelled* doesn't get high marks as a documentary. But Ben Stein's look into academic censorship, from a Baylor journalism major's perspective, deserves a B. *Grade: B*

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endeavors; interpersonal relationships within the academic community; and service — were given certain weights. Many professors peppered their comments with suggestions of a compromised faculty morale as a result of the tenure decision and an administrative lack of trust in faculty. Besides tenure issues, questions about Baylor markings highlighted the conversation. Lilley said the university will now spellout Baylor whenever possible, forgoing the BU. Baylor will appear in place of BU on football helmets the next football season. BU will be

used when space doesn't allow for Baylor to be written out. "It's just common sense. It's marketing 101," Lilley said of the mark switch. A student asked if Lilley would support or find it feasible to have a student on the university Board of Regents. The president gave a reply that raised some eyebrows, stating a student regent wouldn't be wise because the board is conservative and it would be a problem if the student were arrested. The inquiring student interrupted by saying it would be a problem if a faculty member were arrested. Lilley also dispelled rumors of Baylor backing Coca-Cola in place of Dr Pepper.

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with the movie. When the filmmakers came to campus in September, they contacted Chen because of his involvement with the Intelligent Design Undergraduate Research Center. "I think what Ben Stein is doing in the movie is saying, 'Look we have a problem in academia where if you even entertain the idea of intelligent design, you may lose your job,'" Chen said. How Baylor was portrayed was fair, Chen said. "There's no attack on our Christian identity or academic standards," he said. However, there were both

positive and negative reactions. "When Baylor came up you heard very quietly some cheers and some hisses," Chen said. Still, the movie encouraged discussion of intelligent design, Chen said. "I really don't think it was pushing the issue too much," he said. Mark Mathis, associate producer for the film, said Baylor is in a very difficult position, which needs to be addressed — professors are afraid their funding will be pulled with any association with intelligent design. "You have a science department that's denying a god," Mathis said. The filmmakers chose to

come to Baylor because there was someone here willing to speak to them, he said. "Most people aren't willing to take that heat. That's why we came to Baylor, because we found a man of courage in Bob Marks," Mathis said. Mathis also interviewed director of media relations, Lori Fogleman, and dean of engineering and computer science, Dr. Ben Kelley. Fogleman said in an e-mail to *The Lariat* that university administrators regret the con-

cern the movie has caused and offered assurance that Baylor continues to maintain its Christian commitment in the historic Baptist tradition. "At Baylor we are committed to upholding and strengthening our Christian faith and our scientific endeavors, both of which are fundamental to our mission. These two areas of inquiry often have different methodologies and different practices, and we do not see them in conflict with each other," Fogleman said.

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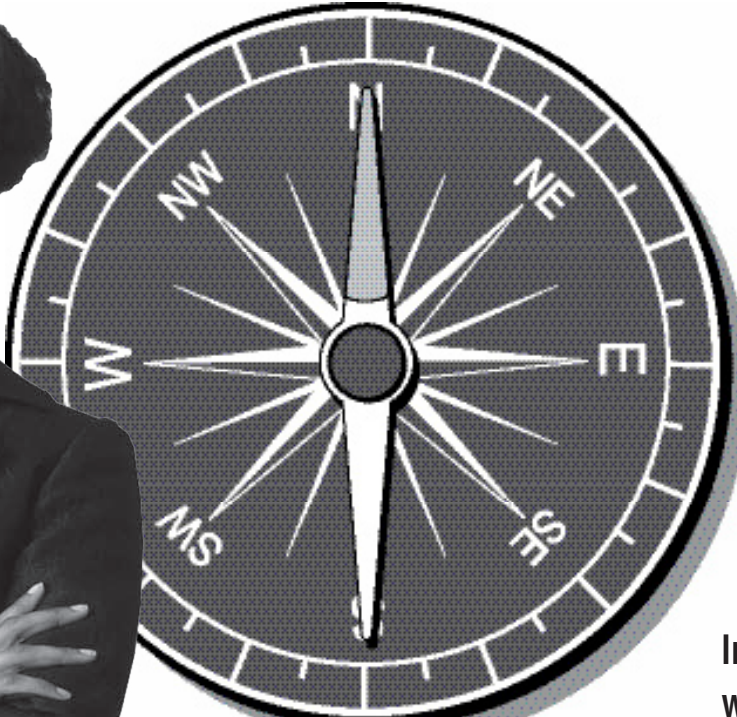
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