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15-minute intervals to ease rush

New passing times to start summer of 2008

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Gone are the days of apologizing to teachers for your tardy. Gone are the days of huffing and puffing from running to class in hopes of arriving on time.

Starting summer 2008, Baylor will enact 15 minute passing times between classes. It's a bold move, presenting pros and cons to class schedules and extra-curricular plans at Baylor.

Other Texas schools have grown comfortable with extended periods between classes. The University of Texas grants students 10 minutes to get from class to class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 15 minutes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Texas A&M students have 20-minute intervals because of the size of their campus.

And like those universities, Baylor has grown significantly, requiring students more time to get from class to class.

Dr. Naymond Keathley, senior vice provost, attended a much smaller Baylor campus.

"When I was a Baylor student, campus was defined by 5th Street and 8th Street, Dutton Street and Speight Street, and we had 10 minutes between classes. That was more than adequate at that time," Keathley said. "We have since flung our green and gold afar."

Keathley said many students formally complained last school year about their tardies and inability to walk across campus in 10 minutes.

"Complaints were registered in almost every administrative office by students who could not get from one class to another on time," Keathley said.

Administration members acknowledged the outcry and took action.

Keathley formed a task force of six faculty members, four staff members and three students who researched and explored the available options for increased time between classes. Former student body president Mark Laymon recommended dependable students for the positions.

The task force, chaired by Dr. Baxter Johns, professor of mathematics, met three times last spring. Each member worked closely with two academic departments, gaining feedback on their views of extending time between classes.

"All departments said (not having enough time to get to class) was a problem," said Erica Mooney, a Baytown, TX junior.

Mooney was responsible for conversing with the sociology and philosophy departments about the proposed change.

The group composed six potential plans based on their findings. Some plans called

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Book shows individual belief trends

By Star De La Cruz
Staff Writer

After the Baylor Religion Survey, American Piety in the 21st Century, was released last September, two sociology professors were intrigued by the findings and decided to write a new book, *Who is Your God?*

Assistant professors of sociology Dr. Paul Froese and Dr. Christopher Bader traveled across the country to interview people of different educational level, ethnicity, religious background and age.

The religion survey revealed national trends in areas such as belief rates and church attendances. Froese said while the survey gives an overview of the nation as a whole, the book allows a different perspective.

"Interviewing people is a nice follow up because individuals can describe with detail

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WAR and PEACE

By Brad Briggs
Opinion editor

CRAWFORD — On a blistering August Tuesday in nearby Crawford, three men were preparing to take a short drive. They came from different backgrounds, but had come to know one another over the years through their shared purpose: protesting President Bush and the war in Iraq.

The protests at Bush's ranch in Crawford have been well chronicled since anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan first began camping outside the checkpoint on the road leading to the ranch in 2005. The media coverage lately has waned and so has the number of people protesting. But that hasn't stopped Carl Rising-Moore, Dr. Alan Northcutt and Harrison Ward from making their presence known.

"Here's my buddy," says Northcutt, a Waco pathologist, pointing to the Secret Service agent manning the checkpoint. All three men are familiar with the different agents who have been posted there. Rising-Moore, a Vietnam-era Army veteran, said he spent the previous night, the first of Bush's monthlong vacation, in the ditch alongside the road with his signs posted for oncoming traffic.

This time, the car stops at the bend of the road about 25 yards away where the men begin to unpack their gear. Out of the trunk they pull signs, an ice chest and a large banner. They stick the signs into the grass and begin to stretch out the banner while Ward, a semi-retired computer repair business owner, starts the car. Ward explains that they are not allowed to park anywhere on the side of the road and that he has to take the car away.

"It's not a ranch, it's a compound," Rising-Moore says. "There are no animals — ranches are where you've got animals." The other two men laugh. Ward mentions that the Bushes originally purchased the property from the Engelbrecht family in 1999. Rising-Moore said it also used to be a pig farm.

"I guess it's gone downhill since then," Northcutt says, laughing. "There goes the neighborhood."

As they approach the checkpoint, the sign comes into full view. Rising up through the vapor fumes of the roadway it reads: "Worst President Ever."

There are only the three of them protesting today, but more would join them over the next two weekends. They all explain that it's hard to assemble people

Their numbers once in the thousands, anti-war protesters in Crawford have now dwindled to a handful. Plagued by conflicts of their own, they see themselves as the voice of a silent American public.



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Above and top: Members of the Crawford Texas Peace House and Waco Friends of Peace protest against the Iraq War in Crawford on August 25.

Local peace groups coexist separately

By Brad Briggs
Opinion editor

CRAWFORD — Although things have been quiet at the Crawford Texas Peace House recently, it hasn't always been peaceful. Back in March, the peace house lost its corporate charter with the state for failing to submit the required paperwork. This caused some internal strife within the peace house and Sara Oliver, a former member of the house, claimed that hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations were unaccounted for.

Although she doesn't speak for other organizations that were taking donations at Camp Casey in 2005, Moody resident and peace house director Kay Lucas said there was no fraud taking place, and the failure to submit the paperwork was purely a careless oversight.

"As far as what came into the peace house, every bit of it has been accounted for," Lucas said.

After appearing before an arbitration committee, Oliver obtained the rights to the name "Crawford Peace House," and the peace house name was legally changed by remaining members to the "Crawford Texas Peace House."

Lucas said the dispute is largely over now, and the peace house's tax documents are available to view on the group's Web site.

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in enough time because of the uncertainty of the president's schedule. The protests at Bush's ranch clearly aren't what they were in 2005.

In August of 2005, Crawford would forever become known not only as the residence of the president of the United States, but also

for the actions of one woman and the resulting furor.

Cindy Sheehan came to Crawford after her son Casey was killed on April 4, 2004, while serving in Iraq. After meeting with the president shortly after her son was killed, Sheehan traveled to Crawford to demand a second

meeting and an explanation of the cause for which her son died. Soon after, people showed up in droves to support her and protest. With the help of the Crawford Texas Peace House, Camp Casey was born.

In her subsequent days after Camp Casey began, Sheehan endeared herself to anti-war activists as well as drew the ire of critics. The resulting attention given to Sheehan's actions by the media helped change the national conversation about the war.

"I don't know what it would have been like had Cindy's actions and the peace house not existed," Ward said. Northcutt said he thinks Sheehan and the protests at Crawford were crucial in changing public opinion and galvanizing the anti-war movement.

"There's no doubt," he said. "Before Cindy and Camp Casey, there was very little real, vigorous opposition being expressed on a national level. Ten thousand people showed up in '05 and it just exploded across the country."

Northcutt connects the actions at Camp Casey with the change in public opinion about the war, along with the Democrats winning a majority in the 2006 midterm elections.

"It really did take off in August of '05 when people from all over the country and the world showed up here," Northcutt said.

Ward agrees. "The beginning of Camp Casey was kind of a Rosa Parks moment. It had tremendous impact — it was a turning point regardless of what happened after or what happens now," Ward said.

Since then, Sheehan has been surrounded by further controversy. In a written statement posted on the Internet on May 28, 2007, she announced her retirement from political activism. In it, she expressed her desire to return home and also said, "Goodbye America ... you are not the country that I love and I finally realized no matter how much I sacrifice, I can't make you be that country unless you want it."

But her retirement would be short-lived.

Some members of the anti-war movement also have grown unhappy with Sheehan's approach. On July 23, Sheehan and a group of protesters staged a sit-in at the office of Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. As chairman of the committee, Conyers would be in charge of

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Editorial

Groups should extend 'red or blue' conversation

It's no secret that Baylor isn't known as a hotbed of political activity. The campus has a long-standing reputation, deserved or not, for its apathy.

Last Thursday, the two groups hosted a political forum on the fifth floor of Cashion Academic Center to talk about important issues and get students involved.

After introducing themselves and articulating the values of their parties, both groups began discussing important issues such as the war in Iraq, immigration, global warming and health care.

But what really made the forum an event worth attending was the audience. About 75 students turned out for the forum, which was surprising.

Right from the beginning, many seemed to know where they stood, or perhaps sat, as they took their seats along the right-to-left spectrum in the room.

The question-and-answer exchange after the main issue discussion quickly took the dialogue to another level. Questioners were, for the most part,

civil and respectful while making sure a complete answer was received from both sides. It truly showed that at least some students at Baylor care about political issues.

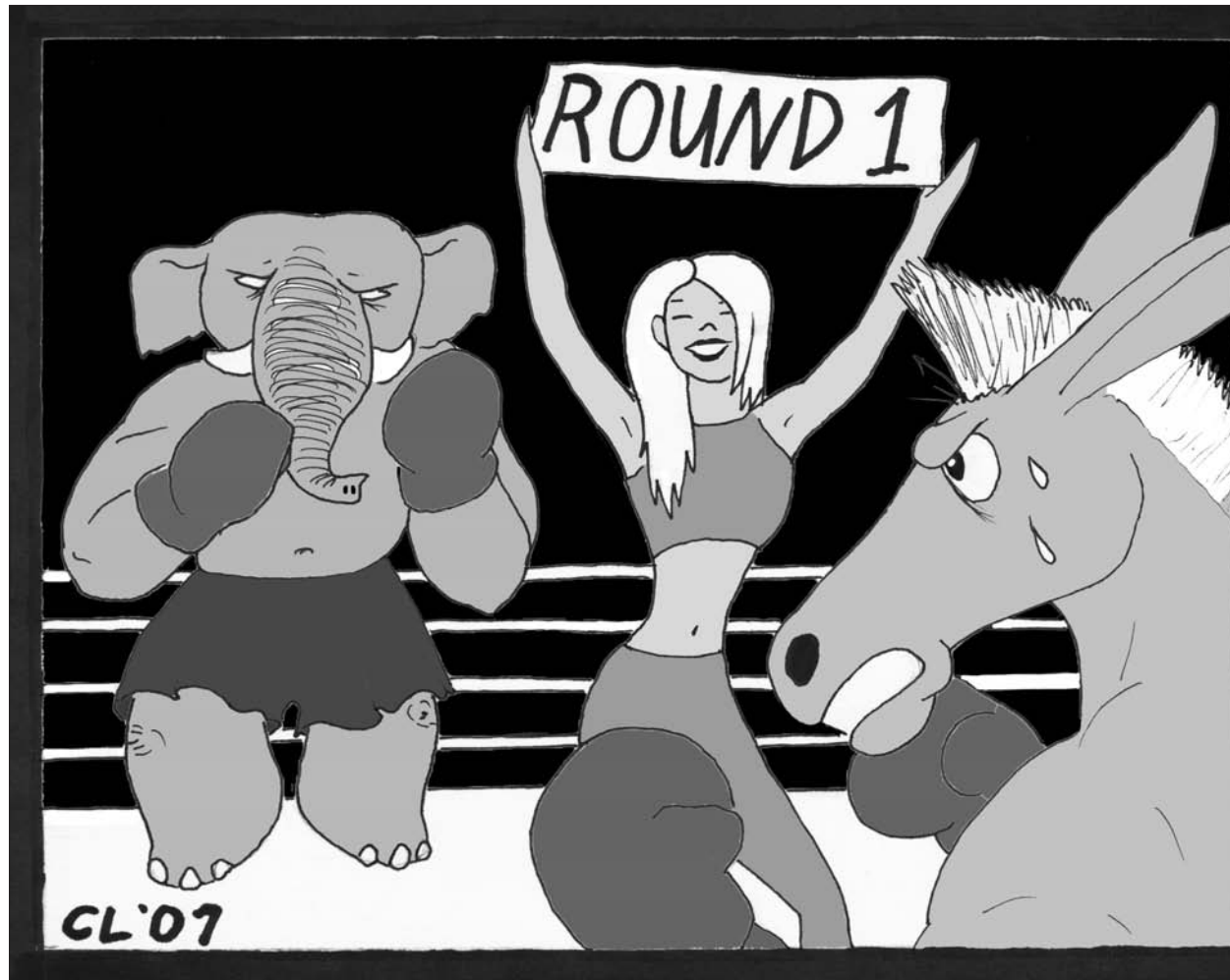
If the Baylor Democrats and College Republicans are serious about getting more students engaged in politics, they are going to need a lot of help.

A wave of apathy has swept over our nation's youth for some reason, but we have the power to change that. All we need is direction.

We're glad the two groups could work together to make this event happen, and hopefully this won't be the last of such collaborations.

A message needs to be sent across all corners of the university from professors, administrators and students alike that politics are important. That's why we've decided to jump in and offer a hand.

We have proposed the idea of featuring columns from a member of both the Baylor Democrats and College Republicans about a specific issue important to Baylor and the nation at large. Both organizations are on board with the idea, and we look forward to featuring their voices on this opinion page soon.



Students, don't let the negativity of the current political climate push you away from becoming informed. Thursday's forum doesn't have to

be the end of political discussion here at Baylor.

Whether you're red, blue or whatever else, let's build on the momentum

and work toward creating a more open environment where the free and rigorous discussion of ideas will be more commonplace on campus.

Letters to the editor

Baylor betraying its mission

I am amazed that a university purporting to be connected to a church is so scared about the idea of intelligent design that they feel they must suppress its discussion.

Even more, does Baylor suppress all original speculation about scientific questions and only allow publication of scientific ideas that are widely endorsed as "orthodox"?

If so, then it is guaranteeing that it will never be a first-rate research institution, because the really groundbreaking original insights are by definition outside the mainstream.

Universities were once bastions of transmitting inherited wisdom, but in the 21st century, when a university gives priority to preserving ignorance by suppressing original thought, it betrays its mission to discover and disseminate truth.

Raymond Takashi Swenson, Idaho Falls, ID

Science just another religion

For Baylor students who need a solid example of fallacious reasoning and unsupported argumentation, they need look no further than the recent letter by Richard Schauer.

Schauer begins his mini-diatribes with the nonsensical claim that the "Bible is simply not supported scientifically."

The Bible contains many genres - none of which purport to be science. Such genres cannot be proved or disproved by the realm of science, which itself has limits.

To assume what can be scientifically verified is worthy of belief is unbelievable hubris and makes Schauer ultimately no different from those he criticizes. Science does not exist in a vacuum, and the idea of a purely "objective" scientist is as much a

myth as a flat earth.

If Schauer believes that people such as Dr. Richard Dawkins write "objectively" about matters of faith, he is as misguided as those who believe the earth is only 10,000 years old and was created in seven literal days.

Schauer and his ilk (Dawkins, Sam Harris) purport to be freed from the intellectual shackles of religion; however, they are either too arrogant or too misguided to realize that they too are religious, bowing down to the idols of their own naturalist, humanistic presuppositions.

It is far too simplistic to blame all of history's problems on religion, yet Schauer offers unsupported claims about how religion is "killing us" and "causing more problems than it's worth." Furthermore, it wasn't religious fanatics who were responsible for the greatest crime known to human history. It was a group whose rigid devotion to scientific naturalism led to the objectification and ultimate death of 6 million Jews.

Of course, if we are nothing more than trousered apes (to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis) who owe our existence to a blind watchmaker (to borrow another from Dawkins), then perhaps such genocide is just a natural stage of our evolution.

Finally, it is ridiculous to make intelligent design a necessary component of religious belief. Such straw-men arguments do nothing to advance a valid criticism of religious belief (which, I confess, are many).

When confronted with the possibility that perhaps science does not offer answers to every question that confronts humanity, Sauer scurries back to mother science, taking comfort in how much more "sane" and "rational" they are.

In truth, they have traded one religion for another.

Scott Rasmic, Ph.D. candidate, Religion and Literature

Marks can publish findings

Re: "BU administration silencing science by design"

Walt Ruloff asks, "Does the administration at Baylor believe

in God?" I'm not sure I understand the purpose for this query: Would an answer in the affirmative validate or invalidate the decision to shut down Dr. Marks' Web site? Moreover, how does a belief in God legitimize or inform a scientific pursuit?

I'm quite confident of the answer I would get if I were to ask the same questions in a Taliban-run madrasa - assuming I would be permitted to make such an inquiry. Ruloff could, in my opinion, assuage his outrage by reading his text, notably where he writes, "Marks has been conducting research that ultimately may challenge the foundation of Darwinian theory."

When and if Marks ever does viably challenge Darwin, he will surely publish his findings. Or are all peer-reviewed scientific journals run by atheists?

Marc Carrier, Montreal, Canada

Bible is proven scientifically

In response to Richard Schauer in last Friday's letter, Dr. Ben Kelley and President John Lilley are not to be commended for taking a stand and discriminating against research that could be proven correct.

Why are people so threatened by another way to present things? Evolution is a theory, not factual information (never been proven). We put so much faith in that theory that we forget other scenarios.

If intelligent design is just a theory, what is wrong with listening and learning a different outlook on things?

I believe monotheistic religions would love to have the opportunity to learn a different study of science that supports a creator. Believe it or not, evolution is one of the leading causes of atheism, and why does that happen? One's religion makes them saner, not the other way around. Someone holding on to a faith and a God that is real is something everyone longs for. It is foolish to think otherwise.

Are you saying people who aren't atheist are insane?

The Bible is supported by science in every way, and that is why it is so valid. For example,

long before we knew the earth was circular, God's word illustrated how it was (Isaiah 40:22). There are many other examples. Actually, evolution and its flaws actually prove much of the Bible correct.

Throughout scripture, the Bible states that the world was made in six days. I would rather have faith in God's word than some scientist's theory. Remember, God is a miraculous God. You can say that God used evolution as his creation tool if you want, that is fine. But is it possible he didn't, especially since God tells us he did it differently and goes over each day with much detail? God is a God of truth, and the Bible shows the truth. God is not out to deceive us, but to show us his glory.

All of creation today is from a creator. Evolution is a flawed process - God is not flawed in any way. God is the only way this world exists, and evolution can't explain all the complex things of this world. Our minds can't fathom everything.

Schauer, if you don't know, the theory of evolution has never been scientifically proven correct in this lifetime and never will. The Catholic Church didn't want to hear Luther's point of view and considered him a heretic. He is now seen as a hero to Protestants. Professors who give the other side of the story of global warming are losing their jobs and being persecuted for their opinions.

This is a country where we allow different opinions. If there is another side of the argument, let's hear it. Don't be offended by another side, respect the other side just like religions, countries, etc. respect each other.

Evolution is too flawed to not hear another side, especially since proponents of intelligent design want to prove it scientifically. We were raised to believe in evolution; let's hear another point of view for once!

Mark Moore, Religion, 2007

Lilley wisely dodged interview

As a bemused observer from the left coast of California, let me offer my two cents on your

editorial, "Lilley's two cents are missing."

My first penny: Missing from your editorial, and your news coverage of the brouhaha over Dr. Marks, is any mention of the antics of Dr. William Dembski, who was hired (without any university vetting) as a "post-doc" in Marks' Evolution Informatics Lab. Considering that Dembski, a full-time professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, had already completed three or four "post-docs" at other schools, this seemed a bit odd. It seems that what Marks and Dembski wanted was to give Dembski another presence at Baylor, several years after his removal as director of the Michael Polanyi Center, set up to propagate intelligent design as an alternative to evolution.

The money for the Evolution Informatics Lab, which Baylor's Engineering and Computer Science Department had not approved, came from a shadowy group called the LifeWorks Foundation, funded by Brendan Dixon, one of the "Microsoft millionaires." Dixon decided to devote his time to the ID movement, giving \$700,000 to the pro-ID Discovery Institute, of which Dembski is a longtime Fellow. The whole purpose of Marks' "lab," which didn't actually exist, was to give Dembski a Baylor connection that he could exploit in his ID propaganda.

My second penny: Marks has a personal Web site on his department's server, on which (under the heading "Apologetics") he has posted several items supporting ID and expressing his personal Christian views. One example is "Genesis and Science: Compatibility Extraordinaire."

Marks has not been censored at all - his department simply removed his nonexistent "lab" from its server to avoid any implication that Baylor endorsed its work, which the university has every right to do.

A third penny (if I may): Dembski obviously bears a personal grudge against President Lilley, stemming back to the Polanyi Center days. Just last week, Dembski posted on his own

blog a call for Lilley's firing: "At this point, the only thing that would work is if the Board of Regents placed his job in jeopardy." Dembski urged followers to bombard regents with calls, posting names and home phone numbers of each regent. That's a bit much, in my opinion.

A fourth penny: The Lariat has, for some reason, written nothing about Dembski's latest antics, posting on his blog a fabricated letter from President Lilley about the Marks issue. Only after I (and several others) protested did Dembski admit this was a supposed "parody." But many of his blog readers took it seriously and Dembski has not yet apologized to Lilley for this sophomoric stunt.

Up to a nickle: The request from the producers of the Expelled movie to interview Lilley is a sham. The supposedly "objective" movie is in fact a biased attack on the "persecution" of ID supporters.

The producers conned a professor at another school to grant an interview, telling him the movie would be called Crossroads: The Intersection of Science and Religion.

President Lilley was well advised to avoid this scam.

Peter Irons, Ph.D., J.D., Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, University of California, San Diego

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By Allan E. Parrish, Mentor, OH

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Study: Spouses unlikely to see silver anniversary

By Shannon Daily
Reporter

A study released Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau showed that the majority of marriages don't last past 25 years.

Only 49.5 percent of men and 46.4 percent of women married between 1975 and 1979 made it to their silver anniversary.

"What's affecting that is cohabitation," said Dr. Preston Dyer, professor of social work and sociology. "Marriage rates are down and cohabitation rates are up. The recent consensus is that people who cohabit before they marry have a higher divorce rate."

Dyer taught Marriage and The Family with his wife, Genie, until her recent retirement. In addition, Dyer has run a private marriage counseling practice since 1990.

Dr. Margaret Baier, a family and consumer sciences lecturer and licensed marriage and family therapist, has a different opinion.

"With people who marry before the age of 25, their first marriage tends to end in divorce," Baier said. "They're not really ready to enter into a marriage because they haven't figured out who they are yet. You tend to lose yourself in the marriage."

Baier admitted that she

wasn't completely familiar with the statistics, though.

"I think what happens, especially if they marry young, is they grow up," Baier said.

Both Dyer and Baier have said, however, that divorce rates are decreasing. Baier said one reason for decreased divorce rates is that people are getting married older and another is that some people just aren't getting married.

"People aren't getting married until they know they'll be together forever," she said. "I'm not promoting cohabitation, but if fewer people are getting married, fewer people can get divorced."

In the study, baby boom-

ers, adults in their 50s, had the highest divorce rates, Sam Roberts said in a New York Times article.

"The average age for the first marriage has increased since then, and the values, I think, have changed a lot," Baier said. "They came from a more liberal climate with slogans like 'Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll.' Generations now take it more seriously."

Law professor David Henry and his wife, Priscilla, have been married for 29 years.

"We were set up on a blind date," Priscilla said. "My best friend was dating his best friend, and they were the ones that got us together."

The Henrys, who both attended Baylor at different times, now have two children at Baylor.

"I would say that this generation is probably more conservative," Priscilla said. "It's interesting, though, that most students I've met seem to have parents that are still together."

While the Henrys' marriage has stood the test of time, questions have come up about the success of other marriages between Baylor students.

"If I had to predict, Baylor students marrying Baylor students would have a better success rate because they're marrying people like themselves," Dyer said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Baylor Counseling Center offers free Question Persuade Refer training to educate students about suicide prevention from 2 to 4 p.m. today. Students will learn the warning signs and communication of people who may be considering suicide. For additional information, contact Susan_Matlock-Hetzel@baylor.edu.

Hire-A-Bear Job Fair is today from noon to 5 p.m. at the Ferrell Center. More than 110 organizations will attend with entry-level positions and internships for students. For information, contact Baylor Career Services at 710-3771 or visit <http://www.baylor.edu/careerservices>.

Rock Paper Scissors Championship Tournament presented by Alpha Delta Pi is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Students may enter to win a \$300 grand prize with the purchase of a T-shirt, on sale for \$10 outside dining halls from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this week. The event will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

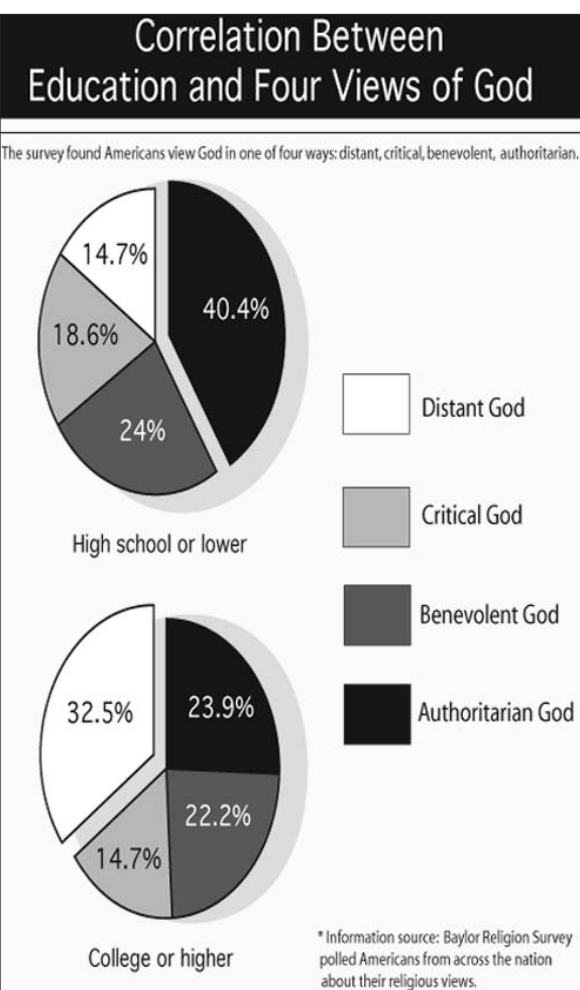
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why they do or don't go to church," Froese said. "The survey and the interviews are complimentary."

The statistics were so interesting, Froese said, that the detailed stories from individuals were bound to be profound.

Froese and Bader were specifically interested in how people conceive and view God, and how they talk about religious contexts.

Some people interviewed had very strong religious beliefs, but when they were asked to speak about it, they weren't very eloquent Froese said. Those who didn't care much about religion could eloquently express their opinion.

"Americans range from having a very literal biblical concept of God to someone who doesn't think there is a God," he said "There is great plurality in the U.S."

Another interesting discovery was that beliefs matter and have a clear, distinct role in other aspects of people's lives. For example, those who have a concrete vision of God also have a very concrete understanding of right and wrong, making them more prone to respect authorities. They are more likely to support the death penalty and the war in Iraq.

People who have an abstract con-

cept of God tend to decide for themselves the difference between good and evil.

"These seemingly abstract theological beliefs have a real world manifest in the sense that they affect behavior," Froese said. "Based on their beliefs is how they act."

The way people view God is a "phenomenon in the realm of the sociological field," Froese said. "Each individual religious view is important to each individual, but is it important to society?"

By investigating a person's view of God, Froese said, one can also find a person's view of social order, justice and their level of engagement in community service.

The title of the book is tentative, Froese said. They are set to turn in their finished book to the Oxford University Press by next summer.

Kevin Dougherty, assistant professor of sociology and co-investigator of the Baylor Religion Survey, said the work of Froese and Bader is "ground-breaking because it breaks the myth that all religious people are the same way."

The more highly educated a person is, Dougherty said, the more likely that person will see God as distant. He added that people who seek higher education don't see God as engaged in their lives. They want to take action themselves and not depend on God

to solve problems.

There are exceptions, however.

"Baylor University is an example of educated people with Ph. Ds. who also view God as an engaged God," Dougherty said.

When dealing with community service and other social services, people who see God as a distant force will be more concerned with liberal political issues, Dougherty said.

Dougherty also pointed out that there are people who participate in social services outside the church and those who go to church also have a sense that they're taking part in social services.

Dougherty said the results of the interviews are far-reaching. Not only will the sociological world benefit since beliefs impact behavior, but politicians and religious leaders will also be affected.

Politicians must know how their audience views God, and religious leaders can see how views of God differ within a single church.

The book will be very important and informative, Dougherty said.

"I think it's interesting, and the value of their work is significant," said Dr. Dennis Horton, associate professor of religion and assistant director of ministry guidance. "The Baylor Religion survey itself has valuable information and this will help us reach out to people."

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With the Cubs, you just never know

By Rick Morrissey
McClatchy Newspapers

CHICAGO — A fan base that suffers from congenital heart-break is being asked once again if it would be willing to place its trust in a baseball franchise that seems to delight in destroying dreams, foreclosing on hopes and, for anyone knows, clubbing baby seals.

The fan base wonders if there's a catch.

No, the fans are told, that's it. Just lie on the ground so that men with spikes on their feet can ground you into oblivion.

And the fan base points to a mud puddle and says, "Would over there be OK?"

This is the year. Well, it appears possible it might perhaps be the year the Cubs' amazing string of seasons without a World Series title ends, maybe. You know, unless something goes wrong. The last Cubs world championship came in 1908. George Washington made Eagle Scout that year.

But things are supposed to be different in 2007. During the off-season, the franchise committed \$300 million in contracts to building a winner.

Expectations were high for a team that went a dismal 66-96 the season before. Expectations are even higher now heading into the final week of the regular season, though Cubs fans are feeling the familiar undertow of sheer terror.

These are people who dress in layers — Cubs blue over end-of-the-world black.

The Cubs-Pirates contest on Sunday at Wrigley Field could have been their last home game of the season. For that to be the case, they likely would have to experience some sort of breakdown on the road in the final six games. Entering the weekend, they led the Milwaukee Brewers by 1 1/2 games in the National League Central division.

Does the standard-issue Cubs fan have reason to believe in this team more than he did in other models in other calamitous years? The answer, of course, is no.

But understand the mind-set on the North Side. Fans have no additional cause to trust the Cubs this time around, but they mostly do nonetheless, despite compelling, almost century-long evidence that indicates they are fools for it.

It's called being a fan, and if the definition of "fan" is "love, regardless," then nobody does it better than the true believers who follow this franchise.

The romantics among you might not like this, but what we're witnessing now is a faux division race in a faux division. Several teams have battled most of the season to rise above mediocrity. It of course matters not a whit how a team gets to the playoffs.

The St. Louis Cardinals proved it last season by winning just 83 regular-season games en route to a World Series title. The Cards' success is now the rallying cry of every team with a middling record: "Average is good!"

So this faux race is very real to the people who are playing the games and very real to the people in the seats. (Maybe that's what's going on here. The Cubs and their fans are unsuspecting actors in a "Truman Show"-style dark comedy, and America watches in wicked fascination. Are the producers ever going to let the team win the big one? Stay tuned and tuned and . . .)

The Cubs certainly have grabbed the city's attention this season. They have drawn more than 3 million people to their home games. Then again, this is the fourth straight year they've drawn more than 3 million.

If the Cubs were to put on a craft show at Wrigley, 40,000 people would call a guy who knows a guy who can get tickets.

It makes for a very good discussion, this theory of relativity. How are the 2007 Cubs better than the other good Cubs teams that have surgically removed fans' hearts? The short answer is that they aren't. The longer answer is there are reasons for hope.



A group of Baylor Yell Leaders practice in Russell Gym Monday. The squad practices twice a week for two hours at a time.

Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Cheerleading debate rages on among students

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

It's a question batted around every fall.

Bored students talk about it while kickers and punters stretch on the field. It's asked before the clock begins to run in the Ferrell Center. It's even asked during the local high school's halftime show.

Everyone's discussed it and everyone has an opinion. Yet, somehow it still manages to surface time and time again.

Is cheerleading a sport? "No, we think competitive cheerleading is a sport, but not what we do," Rowlett senior Laura Puckett, captain of the All-Girl Yell Leader squad, said. "It takes some athleticism, but we're there to support the teams."

Baylor doesn't participate in competitive cheerleading, which some people accept as a sport.

"I believe that cheerleading is a sport when they compete against each other," said Kim Scott, director of campus recreation. "They have well defined and choreographed routines that include tumbling, rhythm,

dance and stunting."

Physical exertion, practice and coordinated movements are integral parts of all aspects of cheerleading.

So does cheerleading qualify?

"After 12 years of teaching and coaching various sports, I would have to say that first of all, cheerleaders are athletes," Scott said.

Body control, strength and conditioning regimens, uniforms and skill all contribute to their qualification as athletes, she said.

"All of these things combined make them look just like any other sport on campus," Scott said.

Lending credence to that claim is the change in the spirit squad's oversight. Under the new leadership of Susie Oliver, the spirit squads, which previously were maintained by the campus recreation department, are now under the athletic department.

Unlike the other athletes on campus, Baylor Yell Leaders do not compete against other squads. But at the high school level, cheerleading squads face

rival schools in competitive cheerleading.

Although mocked in many recent comedy films, competitive cheerleading involves much more than the general public sees on the sideline.

With music blaring, as many as 30 cheerleaders coordinate their movements and perform stunts in hopes of scoring high marks and advancing to the next round.

The National Federation of High Schools Associations estimated that 139,000 high school students participated in the activity in 1999.

And with that many people competing, strategy becomes a major part of the competition.

"It's a sport because strategy is involved and scores are taken," Sachse co-captain Tiffany Acord said.

Without a competitive aspect at Baylor, the spirit squads are content with being just competitors.

"When they are cheering for a football or basketball team, I still believe that they are athletes, but they are also entertainers --not unlike professional athletes," Scott said.

Bouldering offers new take on old tradition

By Katherine Farlow
Reporter

No ropes. No harness. Only shoes, chalk and a crash pad. These are the lone requirements for bouldering.

Bouldering began as a spin off of rock climbing, McLane Student Life Center Rock Wall Manager Drew White said.

Unlike rock climbing, bouldering requires fewer moves and more power. It is a series of five to 15 moves done without the help of a rope or harness.

Bouldering usually takes place no higher than 15 to 20 feet above the ground. Anything higher is considered highballing, a different form of climbing and considered even more dangerous.

"Bouldering is neat because (it's) more of a community sport than rock climbing," White said.

Bouldering is often used as a supplement to rock climbing. It helps climbers get stronger while working on footwork, White said.

According to White, about half of the students at the McLane Student Life Center rock wall are involved in some kind of bouldering.

White said the McLane rock gives people room to excel and compete with themselves.

The Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center took their first bouldering trip of the semester to Tonkawa Falls in Crawford earlier this year.

Matt Bates, a Baylor graduate student and Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center director, said bouldering isolates the difficult part of a climb called the crux.

By focusing on one section to climb you can work on technical skills.

Bates said bouldering is a good introduction to rock climbing and it's something that can be done alone, although it's not always safe.

"It's nice because you don't have to take much equipment, just shoes and a crash pad,"

"There is a moment of clarity you have while you are climbing."

Andrew Wooldridge
Colorado Springs junior

Bates said. "I try to go at least once a month."

Colorado Springs junior Andrew Wooldridge prefers bouldering to rock climbing because it's less hassle to not bring a harness and carabiner or needing someone else to belay and work the ropes.

"It really is a great time to hang out with friends and meet new people," Wooldridge said.

Wooldridge said he enjoys bouldering because of its relaxed atmosphere.

"Being out in nature and climbing rocks, there's a harmony there that you don't get with many organized sports," Wooldridge said.

Bouldering is about finding balance, both literally and figuratively," Wooldridge said.

"There is a moment of clarity you have to have while you're climbing," he said. "That's part of the attraction too, is that when I'm climbing I really focus on it and I clear my mind of everything else."

Classes will be offered at the rock wall for bouldering in late September.

Beginning in October, the rock wall will have its first bouldering competition for students. Routes will be set the day before for competitors, White said.

Besides climbing at the Rock and Tonkawa Falls, Hueco Tanks is another place students have been going to boulder.

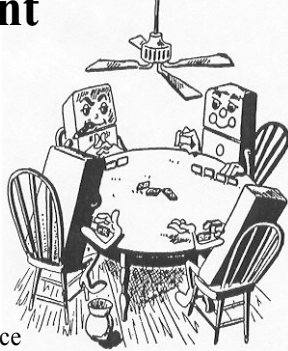
Twice a year, after winter exams and on Diadeloso, groups of students travel to Hueco Tanks, 32 miles north of El Paso. White called it one of the most prestigious bouldering sites in the world.

The good thing about bouldering is it can be done almost anywhere, White said.

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Crawford, home of protests

By Brad Briggs
Opinion editor

CRAWFORD — Carl Rising-Moore is the manager of Camp Casey III, the now-vacant site that served as the staging ground for Cindy Sheehan and the protests in 2005.

The site, once teeming with activity, is now a shell of its former self.

All that remains is the memorial that was constructed in memory of Casey Sheehan and a small wooden cross for each soldier killed up until the protests took place.

"You know, we changed the world a little bit here," Rising-Moore said.

Rising-Moore said he moved to Crawford to support Sheehan in 2005.

"I thought it was important that we establish a beachhead here," he said. "We need to remind (Bush) that he's not going to get away with this."

Rising-Moore, a Canadian-born, naturalized U.S. citizen, served stateside during the Vietnam War.

"That's why I have the passion that I have," he said. "I was sold a bill of goods during the Vietnam era and I believed that my country was telling the truth."

Aside from his time in Crawford, Rising-Moore also assists soldiers who have gone AWOL escape into Canada.

He said he only helps soldiers who are contemplating suicide instead of re-deploy-

ing to Iraq and he encourages soldiers to try to register as a conscientious objector first.

His book, *Freedom Underground*, is about his efforts to set up a network to get soldiers across the border into the hands of Quaker organizations in Canada.

Rising-Moore said although they are different entities, Camp Casey and the Crawford Texas Peace House enjoy a "symbiotic" relationship.

"It exists today, too. Right now, the peace house has donated blankets and food to Camp Casey for the actions that are going on today, so it continues on as we speak," he said.

Rising-Moore and Harrison Ward also mentioned the importance of Waco Friends of Peace.

"If it hadn't have been for the Waco Friends of Peace, there would be times when George Bush would come to Crawford and he wouldn't have been protested," Rising-Moore said.

"That's an important milestone," he said.

Rising-Moore said that's why he, Northcutt and Ward are there today.

"There's just a few of us here today, but it'll grow," he said.

The presence at the checkpoint did grow over the next few weekends, but there were never more than a dozen people at a time.

Later in the week, Rising-Moore was arrested for pro-

testing with a group at the Broken Spoke Ranch, a nearby ranch where a Bush fundraiser has been held the past several years.

He was arrested by the McLennan County Sheriff's Department and charged with "blocking a highway passage-way," a Class-B misdemeanor and plans to defend himself in court.

He has been arrested four times in Crawford for various offences and estimates that over the course of his life, he has been arrested in excess of 30 times.

It comes as no surprise how Rising-Moore feels about Bush and the war. He believes the president has destroyed America's worldwide reputation

"It's an illegal, immoral war," he said. "We never should have been there in the first place and it'll go down as one of one of the most egregious crimes against humanity."

He holds no criticism back for the Democratic Congress either.

"I think the Democrats have sold out America. The American people voted them into power because they wanted a change and they're not getting it."

The fact that many Democrats continue to vote to fund the war makes them own the war, too, Rising-Moore said.

"There's only one party in this country — the war party," he said.

some aspects."

After expressing frustration with the Democrats' lack of action on impeaching the president, Sheehan announced her intention to run as an independent against Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, who has repeatedly said that impeachment is "off the table."

While recognizing the difficulty of the situation, Lucas said, "I don't think it's effective

and I don't agree with it. It's not my place to say whether she should run for Congress — I just don't think it's real smart. If she were to win, which is unlikely, who will she caucus with?"

Lucas insists that she does not speak for the entire peace house, however. Some people involved with the peace house even wear "Elect Cindy" T-shirts regularly to events in a show of support.



David Poe/Lariat staff

'Remedy' wins worshippers with synthesized sounds

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

David Crowder Band's new album *Remedy* is just what the doctor ordered. The 10 tracks don't last long enough.

ALBUM REVIEW

David Crowder, lead vocal and guitar, said the band's three previous albums have had a wide range in sound. He said each was a different musical experiment. This album combines all the sounds and puts it into one consistent sound, Crowder said.

"To me, this (album) feels like Crowder Band condensed," Crowder said.

The songs have great hooks, making it easy to sing along and remember — a quality essential for worship songs. Most listeners will be able to catch on to the lyrics and sing them the first time they hear the track.

It is obvious the songs were written with the intention of the being sung in worship.

Even though the lyrics are simple and easy to follow, the melodies are not. All the songs are intricate and most make use of synthesized sounds.

"Neverending" inputs recorded voices into the mix, adding a little something more.

The synthesized sounds are not the only thing that makes the album interesting, because the melodies are just as intricate. Each song is so different in its melodies, none has the same sound.

There is an over arching theme with the lyrics, however. The majority of the songs have the concept of change in the message, but each is presented so differently that the messages are not repetitive.

The only song with a pure, untouched melody is "Surely We Can Change," which finishes the album. It lets the guitar and violin dominate the melody, giving it a soothing and beautiful quality.

Although the presence of synthesized sounds are obvious in the tracks, they only add to the complexity of the work and don't take away from the strong message of the lyrics.

The album starts strong, beginning with "The Glory Of It All," "Can You Feel It" and the current single, "Everything Glorious."

"Can You Feel It?" repeats the same line — "can you feel it?" — 12 times, but the originality of the melody keeps the phrase from sounding overly repetitive.

Another stand out track on the album is the title track, "Remedy." The lyrics are thank-

ful and full of hope, calling out to God, "He is the one who has saved us" and "he has come and is coming again, he's the remedy." The lyrics in "Remedy" are the most complex of the album, but there is enough repetition in the chorus and verse to get the important message across.

Although there are obvious stand out tracks on the album, there are no weak songs. Each track brings a different sound and style, making the whole album easy to listen to more than once. Crowder said the album has a lot of layers sitting on top of one another and is a reflection of the community.

"We are just coming up with songs for our people," Crowder said.

Some of David Crowder Band's influences, other than the community, include Muse, Arcade Fire and the Avett Brothers, Crowder said.

The CD release party was Monday night at University Baptist Church, where the band leads worship. Crowder said they hoped the party in Waco would bring more of a "home-town experience."

He said the majority of the songs will be familiar to people who attend UBC. "We have only been able to hold back a couple of treats," Crowder said.

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of impeachment proceedings before the House of Representatives.

"I didn't agree with what they did at Conyers' office," Moody resident and peace house member Kay Lucas said. "To me that's like attacking your friends — he's been doing everything he could and (the Democrats') hands are tied in

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"If they would have had any proof, they would have done something by now," she said.

Rev. Robert Flowers, a member of the peace house and director of the Wesley Foundation at Baylor, said he has confidence in the leadership of the peace house.

"I trust Kay and Johnny," he said.

While sitting outside at a table near the garden, Lucas smokes a cigarette and wearily reminisces about the beginning of the peace house.

According to Lucas, before the peace house came along, protesters were originally directed to the local high school football stadium. Then, the idea of starting a peace house in Crawford was presented during the run-up to the Iraq war in February of 2002. Johnny Woolf, a Dallas businessman active with the Dallas Peace Center, bought the property and began renovating the house. Harrison Ward said the peace house allowed for the coordination of many events and actions, preventing what could have been "absolute chaos."

While not one and the same, the peace house and Camp Casey enjoy what Ward describes as a symbiotic relationship.

"Now it's a place for us to come to not only to talk about peace in the world, but also to contemplate inner peace," Lucas said.

When she heard about the idea, Lucas said, she decided to become involved.

"The next thing we knew, when the peace house was ready for the grand opening, the next weekend happened to be Easter Sunday and that's when we decided it would be," Lucas said.

"This may sound crazy, but I believe the spirit of Christ set itself down here that morning."

Faith is a big part of why

Lucas and many others are involved with the peace house. She said she has always been against the war in Iraq and that it is incompatible with her Christian beliefs. Flowers agrees. A quiet, unassuming Methodist minister, Flowers became involved with the peace house in 2002.

"The United Methodist Church has issued some pretty strong anti-war statements since about 1939," Flowers said, citing the *Methodist Book*

said. "They thought we were California hippies, but we're all local Texans."

Since the beginning of the peace house, popular opinion about the war has changed dramatically. A recent *USA Today*-Gallup poll found that 70 percent of Americans want the troops out of Iraq by April of next year.

Lucas thinks that despite some "diehards," the overall perception of the peace house has changed, too. She said

peace house members see a lot more peace signs and friendly waves from locals than in the past.

A group of locals that has always been vocal about its opposition to the war is the Waco Friends of Peace.

Dr. Alan Northcutt is a local pathologist who lives in Waco and is one of the more prominent members of Waco Friends of Peace. He has frequently served as the group's spokesman when local media covers its actions.

Despite only having a small group of people protesting these days, Northcutt said, "We've already made the numbers. We've got 70 percent of the U.S. population — 210 million people — that we're speaking for. So we don't really have to have 10,000 people (at Crawford) anymore."

Aside from its actions in Crawford, Northcutt said Waco Friends of Peace tries to bring a presence to the Waco community.

"What happens (in Crawford) is kind of distant," he said.

The group members are often found at busy intersections protesting and holding signs that say things like "honk for impeachment." At some recent demonstrations, Northcutt said, he has noticed more positive reactions than in the early months after the war in Iraq began. He said it was originally Waco resident Skip Landos who came up with the idea for Waco Friends of Peace.

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Dr. Alan Northcutt
Waco Friends of Peace member

of *Discipline* as an example.

Flowers said he first became involved with the peace house when he attended a demonstration in Crawford put on by the Dallas Peace Center. He also began attending Waco Friends of Peace meetings in 2002 before the peace house was founded. He said that he learned of the plans to go to war in Iraq and that he decided to become involved in the local peace movement.

"Violence is never a viable means to settle differences," Flowers said.

Flowers said that he's always been influenced by several significant movements of the 20th century. He cites Gandhi, the civil rights movement and the fall of apartheid in South Africa as a few of the significant achievements of nonviolence.

"These movements have to come from the grassroots, and in the long run, I feel like they make an impact," he said.

According to Lucas, most people in Crawford didn't see it that way in the beginning. The house received a few threats over the years, but nothing violent has ever occurred.

"I think a lot of it was out of ignorance and fear — they didn't know who we were or what we represented," Lucas



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Kay Lucas, a member of the Crawford Texas Peace House, believes that her work with the house is an important part of her faith.

The group predates the beginning of the war in Iraq, but Northcutt said its orientation quickly shifted to opposing it.

Waco Friends of Peace also takes a different approach to some of its actions by doing a "live freeway blog."

In these "freeway blogs," the Friends of Peace go to an overpass and hold banners over the side for oncoming cars to see. Their last "freeway blog" took place at the overpass of Interstate Highway 35 near 7th Street on Sept. 16, in conjunction with the protests in Washington, D.C. that weekend.

Northcutt said freeway blogs in the past have drawn visits from the police as well as student counter-protesters from Baylor.

This time, there were 14 protesters holding three banners over the bridge. A local

mother of a soldier serving in Iraq also came by and joined in the protest. They were visited by two local TV stations as well as the Waco police.

Some members also have visited Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, on a number of occasions. They have been persistent in attempting to get Edwards to take further actions to bring the troops in Iraq home. In February on their Web site, friendsofpeacewaco.blogspot.com, Northcutt commended Edwards on voting for the nonbinding resolution opposing the surge of troops proposed by the president.

Northcutt said he understands the position Edwards is in with having to represent a more "conservative" district, but he said that is why it's important for local residents to voice their concerns.

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upon 20-minute passing times and other extreme measures. The groups approved two potential schedules and presented them to the administration last spring. Their first-choice plan was to ask teachers of classes on the edge of campus to not count tardies.

For example, Johns said he makes small talk with his classes before officially starting the day's work.

"I come in and make a few cracks, and it's a few minutes before class starts," Johns said.

However, it was the committee's second-choice plan that was selected.

Under the new schedule, Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes will start at odd times—8 a.m., 9:05, 10:10, 11:15, 12:20 p.m., 1:25, 2:30, 3:35, and 4:40, while Tuesday and Thursday classes will start every one and a half hours.

Another aspect of the upcoming changes will be campus-wide clock synchronization. Keathley said the university will mount atomic clocks in all classrooms to keep classes consistently on the same watch. The source of funding for the clocks, as well as labor for installation fees, will be determined next spring, Keathley said.

Not all students are eagerly anticipating these schedule shifts. Ashley Tiller, a Baytown junior, was pleased when she initially heard about the lengthier passing times, but her excitement faded as she realized the repercussions of the measure.

"I'd rather sacrifice hustling (between classes), than getting out of classes later on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays," she said. Tiller's concern lies with her busy schedule, filled with evening activities and homework, which will have to wait an extra 40 minutes on these days. However this issue will be avoided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as five minutes will be shaved off classes.

Mooney said the new schedule will definitely take some getting used to.

"I hope students and faculty realize that even if they don't like the change, we put a lot of time and thought into this," Mooney said.

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