

Advisement made easier by Web site

Departments go online to aid course registration

By Jessica Reynolds Reporter

This semester, academic advisement is making registration easier for students, faculty and advisers.

"We've been working all summer long to provide students with instant access to their advisers," Laura Scott, assistant director of academic advisement, said.

Students can log onto Bearweb and where they need to go for advisement appointments and who they need to see.

They also can find out whether these appointments are required or recommended.

"It is much more accessible information," Scott said. "You don't have to dig and look for it."

Previously, advisers and students had to navigate through a chart system to find out this information. And when changes needed to be made, there was a long process to update the document, Scott said.

Now changes can be sent to Information Technology to be updated.

"We hope it should be really crystal clear as to what they need to do," Scott said.

Also new to Bearweb is a "Your Advised Courses" section.

When academic advisers use an online system called "banner" to make course schedules, it is immediately uploaded onto Bearweb. This allows students to access the courses that they have been advised to take after the meetings and provides a record in case they lose the paper with the advised courses written on it.

Another new addition within the past year is the adviser of record, which means every Baylor student has an assigned academic adviser.

The adviser of record is someone within the department of the student's major who checks and signs off on completed degree and graduation requirements, Scott said.

Several offices have moved to an online, appointment-making system.

This allows students to "log in at 2 in the morning if you want to and actually set your appointment whenever it occurs to you to do so," Scott said.

The College of Arts and Sciences, BIC and career counseling, along with other departments, have already made this transition while academic advisement hopes to do so in the spring.

Scott has been working with a committee to make advising information available in one Web site. This Web site, www.baylor.edu/advising, just finished launching a few weeks ago.

"We started from nothing and just put all the things together that we thought would be useful if you have any type of advisement question," Scott said. "Hopefully this will be really helpful too. We've never had anything like this before."



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Messy mayhem

Plano senior Steven Tsai nails flour-covered Dallas senior Billy Cho with a water balloon Thursday at Russell Field during Asian Pacific American Heritage Game Day.

Simple shapes star in movie adventure

By Jackie Hyland Reporter

It's what everyone wants in a good movie— drama, action, adventure and... geometry? That's what *Flatland: A Journey of Many Dimensions* entails.

An adventure where geometric shapes take on the ideas of a third dimension and educate the viewers on geometry concepts, director of animation Dano Johnson presented the movie at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Kayser Auditorium.

Dr. Lance Littlejohn, Math department chairman, said he met Johnson at a math fest in early August.

He was so impressed with the movie and Johnson's "sincerity about producing educational material," he invited Johnson to come to campus to speak and show the movie.

Based on the book by Edwin Abbott Abbott written in 1884, the movie was an idea by director Jeffrey Travis.

Travis approached Johnson asking if he would like to be a part of the production. Together, Travis, Johnson and producer Seth Caplan started creating this movie.

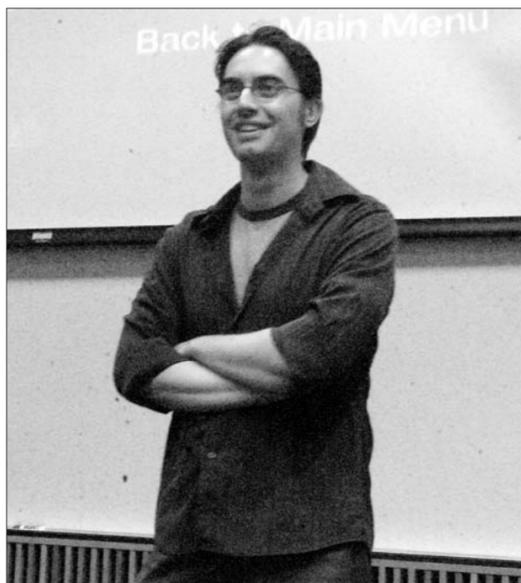
"We aimed at middle school kids, and younger kids really like it too," Johnson said. "Parents are surprised when their elementary kids watch it and then are talking about dimensions at the dinner table."

Dr. Tom Banchoff, geometry professor at Brown University, said the film is to "inspire new generations and teach the enlargement of imagination" in the areas of mathematics.

The movie isn't exactly like the book, but Johnson said they spent a long time on the script trying to decide what to leave in, what to take out and what to change.

The film, which has just been released in May 2007, has already been sold worldwide to schools in Denmark and Australia.

Arthur Square, voiced by Martin Sheen, and his granddaughter, a hexagon, Hex, voiced by Kristen Bell, take on an adventure of finding and proving that there is a third dimension to the people of *Flatland*, even in the face of societal and governmental opposi-



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Dano Johnson, director of animation for *Flatland: A Journey of Many Dimensions*, presented the educational adventure at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Kayser Auditorium.

Other famous actors such as Tony Hale, Michael York and Joe Estevez also play lively geometric shapes.

Fort Worth junior Eric Bunch said he thought the movie was "well made" and really addressed some of the issues that the book raises.

Littlejohn said he wanted Johnson to come and show the film to "rekindle" interest in math and speak about his experiences.

BEAR BRIEFS

Delta Delta Delta will continue its Kicks for Kids All-University Kickball Tournament at 3:30 p.m. today. Shirts will be sold in Collins and Penland residence halls. For more information, contact Julia_Johnson@baylor.edu.

The Waco Cultural Arts Fest is Saturday and Sunday in downtown Waco. Set up is today. To volunteer, contact Jacqueline_Deavenport@baylor.edu or call 713-256-7526.

The Vietnamese Student Association's 15th Annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Barfield Drawing Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information, contact Quyen_Dau@baylor.edu.

Kappa Delta's Battle of the Bands registration ends Monday for Baylor student unsigned bands. Applicants must submit a demo to Student Activities and fill out a short form. For more information, visit http://www.baylor.edu/student_activities.

To submit a bear brief, e-mail Lariat@baylor.edu.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Criminal Trespass
A warning occurred at North Russell Hall at 5:29 p.m. Tuesday.

A warning occurred at the Baylor Science Building at the loading dock area at 7:39 a.m. Sept. 21.

Accident, failure to stop
An accident reportedly occurred at lot 50 south of Russell Gym sometime between 8:10 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Monday.

Assault
An assault, family violence, reportedly occurred at lot 47A at 8:15 p.m. Saturday.

Minor consuming alcohol
Three arrests occurred at Collins Hall at 2:58 a.m. Sunday.

Two alcohol arrests, public intoxication and minor consuming alcohol, occurred at the courtyard between North and South Russell Hall at 3:02 a.m. Sunday.

An arrest occurred at the Penland Hall Lobby area at 6:29 a.m. Saturday.

An arrest occurred at the 800 block of Baylor at 3:39 a.m. Saturday.

Three arrests occurred at the Texana House at 1201 S. University Parks at 2:17 a.m. Saturday.

An arrest occurred at 8th and James St. at 1:20 a.m. Saturday.

A campus crime log is available at www.baylor.edu/dps

LEAF teaches housekeepers English, aid qualifications

By Tessa Shockey Reporter

Learning English Among Friends is nationally recognized as one of the two most outstanding programs for teaching English to Hispanic adults by the Postsecondary Access for Latino Middle-Grade Students.

The LEAF program teaches Baylor housekeepers English and aims to break down communication barriers between housekeeping staff and students and faculty. The campus chapter was founded in 2004 by Dr. Randy Wood, professor of curriculum and instruction and director of the LEAF program.

"LEAF grew out of the change in the School of Education program from a campus-based program to a field-based program in professional development schools," Wood said. The flagship program is at Cesar Chavez Middle School.

Baylor employs housekeepers from Crothall Services Group. Wood pitched the idea of starting LEAF at Baylor to Danny Roberts, director of housekeeping, at a baseball game.

They came up with a plan to pay the housekeepers for the hours they are in tutoring. The hours falls within their regular shift.

Wood told Roberts that if the

housekeepers learned English, he might lose them to higher paying jobs. But Roberts assured him there would always be people to come and fill their places.

According to Roberts, the dream is to see the housekeepers succeed and make better lives for themselves and their families.

And they do. 20 to 30 percent of the housekeepers move on to a higher paying job because English has made them more marketable.

Baylor students tutor the housekeepers twice a week.

Salem, Ore. graduate student Kelsie Dalke is responsible for

supervising the LEAF program at Baylor, making sure things go smoothly in the sessions and teaching some of the lessons. The tutoring sessions are 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Baylor's LEAF falls under external vice president Bryan Fonville's jurisdiction.

"The whole goal is to build community relationships between Baylor students and the community," Fonville said. "This is one way that allows Baylor students to give back." Many housekeepers continue on with the program past the first year.

"The housekeepers love it in fact the longer it goes, the more

they anticipate it," Fonville said. "They'll ask when it's starting. They want to learn. Their passion for learning is remarkable."

LEAF's impact spills over into the housekeepers' family life too.

"They just want to be able to converse in everyday normal situations," Fonville said. "They want to be able to communicate with their children's teachers and take a part in their children's education."

LEAF is still looking for more tutors. "We feel like community service is more than a one-time shot," Wood said. "You need to go out and be involved in something long term."

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Golf team hunts win at Notre Dame

By Garrett Turner
Reporter

Senior golfer Wes Williams received the first win of his college career on Sept. 11 at the Saint Mary's Invitational.

But according to him, he's in college to win for the team, not for himself.

"It's a good accomplishment to win, but we're in college to win the NCAA tournament as a team," Williams said. "You have your whole life to play golf as an individual, but this is the time to play for the team."

Putting his humility aside, he said the individual win at the Saint Mary's Invitational was overdue.

"It's been so long and I have worked so hard to get to a win. When it happens, it is kind of surreal," Williams said. "I am blessed just to even experience it."

Head coach Greg Priest said he was pleased with the way Wil-

liams handled the pressure going into the last day of the tournament.

"He played great," Priest said. "Wes stayed patient and knew where he was set in the last day. He played pretty steady golf."

However, Williams' win is only part of the big picture for Priest's golf team.

"Individual honors are great, but we really want the team to win," Priest said. "By winning a golf tournament, (Williams) really gave the team a good chance to win also. Individual honors are not what we are focused on."

The team could have used another great performance at the William H. Tucker Invitational; unfortunately they finished ninth.

According to Priest, fatigue was the big factor due to the fact that the team only had a three-day break after the Saint Mary's Invitational.

However, Williams' perspective was a little bit different.

"You can't make excuses. You just have to go out there and play," Williams said.

He added that there are going to be more times when the team only has a small break, but it has to be mentally and physically ready.

"We are going to have back-to-back tournaments again. When we do get tired, we still need to focus and be at our best. Mentally, we need to stay a little bit sharper," Priest said.

Fortunately for them, the team has had two weeks of rest before this weekend when it travels to South Bend, Ind., to play at the Notre Dame Gridiron Golf Classic.

Expectations are high, and according to the team, it's all business this weekend.

Sophomore Colton Williams' business-like approach to his game can be seen in his attitude for this season.

"There's not going to be much messing around this year. We're

just going to go get things done," Colton said.

The approach is apparent even through Priest's eyes as the head coach.

"I liked the way the team approaches the golf course. They have been business-like. They have been working hard and it will pay off," Priest said.

The golf's business turns to Notre Dame this weekend, where the course can be rough at times.

According to Priest, the course is "very demanding off the tee."

"We need to hit the fairways and control our distances. This is what we have been working on the past couple of weeks," he said.

Despite the rough course, the team has emphasized that there are no excuses and the goal stays the same for Williams and his team.

"Our goal for this weekend is to win," Williams said. "I feel like we have the ability with the players we are taking."

ALUM from page 1

The May meeting to end the association's fee-for-service relationship with the university starting in March 2008. Kilgore said the talk of reordering the relationship caught the association off-guard.

"What surprised us was that, in addition to the financial 'separateness,' the board of regents recommended proposal (guidelines include) many provisions for control of the BAA's voice through our products and services," Kilgore said.

Lilley said nothing is necessarily wrong with the current relationship with the BAA, but it could be better.

"I'm not the first president to be involved in saying the alumni association needs to be more effective," he said.

Lilley said former

Baylor presidents as far back as Abner McCall have expressed a concern that the alumni association could function more effectively. Lilley also said the renegotiation is necessary to deal with the termination of the association's fee-for-service relationship with the association.

"This negotiation is set up to deal with those subjects and issues," Lilley said.

He also said part of his role as president is to "look away out there," thinking progressively about the future.

But Kilgore said he likes the current, soon-to-end relationship.

"I have been advocating for and a strong proponent of the 'services agreement' relationship during my tenure at the BAA. Beyond the operational effectiveness, the relational value in unifying the Baylor family is immeasurable," he said.

'Jena 6' teen released on \$45,000 bail

By Doug Simpson
The Associated Press

JENA, La. — A black teenager whose prosecution in the beating of a white classmate prompted a massive civil rights protest here walked out of a courthouse Thursday after a judge ordered him freed.

Mychal Bell's release on \$45,000 bail came hours after a prosecutor confirmed he would no longer seek an adult trial for the 17-year-old. Bell, one of the teenagers known as the Jena Six, still faces trial as a juvenile in the December beating in this small central Louisiana town.

"We still have mountains to climb, but at least this is closer to an even playing field," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who helped organize last week's protest.

"He goes home because a lot of people left their home and stood up for him," Sharpton said as Bell stood smiling next to him.

"There's only one person who could have brought me through this and that's the good Lord," Bell told reporters later in front of his father's house.

District Attorney Reed Walters' decision to abandon adult charges means that Bell, who had faced a maximum of 15 years in prison on his aggravated second-degree battery conviction last month, instead could be held only until he turns 21 if he is found guilty in juvenile court.

The conviction in adult court



Associated Press

Mychal Bell's father, Marcus Jones, right, leans in to speak with his son as the Rev. Al Sharpton speaks after Bell's release from jail at LaSalle Parish Courthouse Thursday in Jena, La.

was thrown out this month by the state 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal, which said Bell should not have been tried as an adult on that particular charge.

Walters had said he would appeal that decision. On Thursday, he said he still believes there

was legal merit to trying Bell as an adult but decided it was in the best interest of the victim, Justin Barker, and his family to let the juvenile court handle the case.

"They are on board with what I decided," Walters said at a news conference.

Bell faces juvenile court charges of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit that crime.

He is among six black Jena High School students arrested in December after a beating that left Barker unconscious and bloody.

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Librarian Kathy Hillman said. "Social work, education and psychology majors will deal with people who do have these lifestyles once they are in the work force, and so we have to make them aware of that."

Hillman was surprised that *In the Night Kitchen*, a children's picture book by Maurice Sendak, made it to the top 100 most challenged books of 2006.

In the Night Kitchen is about a 3-year-old named Mickey who loses his pajamas when he enters the Night Kitchen and spends most of the story naked. Despite the controversy surrounding it, Sendak won the 1971 Caldecott Honor Book Award for it.

Deanna Totten-Beard, a theater historian with research interests in early 20th-century American theater, was equally surprised that *Huckleberry Finn*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Of Mice and Men* and human development books have been banned.

"Plays such as *Spinning into Butter* that the theatre department presents raise the iron," Totten-Beard said.

Spinning into Butter is about racism at a predominantly white college campus in a contem-

porary setting. It's based on the book *Little Sambo* by Helen Bannerman.

"It raises some hard questions. Instead of avoiding them, though, these questions should be discussed," Totten-Beard said.

"There is a dead-on conception that Baylor wouldn't want to hang out in messy things. A college has to have intellectual engagement of the world though; it's a university, not a church," Totten-Beard said. "Students need to understand that they do not have to choose between becoming intellectually engaged or being Christian."

Beth Tice, assistant director for university libraries and resources and collection management, said students should be able to find out the truth on their own terms, and the best way for the student to find truth is at the library.

"What if someone was telling you not to read a book? How would that make you feel?" Tice asked. "Fortunately though, university

Top 10 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990-2000

According to the ALA

- #1 *Scary Stories (Series)* by Alvin Schwartz
- #2 *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite
- #3 *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- #4 *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- #5 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- #6 *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
- #7 *Harry Potter (Series)* by J.K. Rowling
- #8 *Forever* by Judy Blume
- #9 *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- #10 *Alice (Series)* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

libraries don't have to deal with censorship as much as public and school libraries do, where there's lots of parent involvement."

She said Baylor's collection of books is not perfect though.

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is not uniform for all computerized systems because each has distinct capabilities for example, a cell phone's computer time is slower than a laptop's.

"It's hard to say exactly what specific technologies the research will ultimately lead to, but so far it shows promise in any system where computers interact over real-time communication networks," Gravagne said.

Gravagne's basic ideas for this research go back to 2002.

"Soon after I arrived on campus and met Dr. Davis I told him about some of my previous experiences," he said.

"We studied (dynamic equations on time scales) together, and it quickly became apparent that, while the mathematics weren't appropriate for my prior work, they could advance some other areas of engineering research," Gravagne said.

Marks joined the research team in 2003 to explore the engineering potential of "computer time." Davis said that for the average person, studying the dynamic equations on self-generating time domains means to be able to describe how complicated phenomena in the world behave.

"This is a potentially very powerful paradigm shift- in both mathematical theory as well as real-world applications," Davis

said. "A major component of this study is to take those simulations from the computer and implement them in a complicated real-life system."

Ramos said it was an honor to receive the grant because the team can resolve real-world problems with this research. Ramos also said she hopes to help the team find solutions.

"I love to teach, so I look forward to encouraging research when I teach," she said.

Gravagne said undergraduate students have been responsible for doing everything from mathematical investigation to developing the first-ever library of numerical computation routines.

"We can find ways to get students at any level involved," he said. "We are looking for interested students."

Davis said that at the conclusion of the research, they will publish the findings in applied mathematics and or engineering journals and give lectures at conferences.

Their research might be useful to share to with other scientists who may be able to use it.

The beauty of the research, Gravagne said, is that "even we don't know what we can look forward to."

"The research has taken us in some very interesting directions that we could not have predicted, and I'm sure that pattern will continue," he said.

Weekly Big 12 picks	Game			
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