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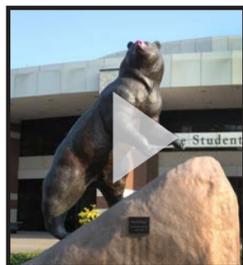
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Concerned about local poverty? Want to help feed the hungry? Come to the Service Learning Office in the SUB today at 5 p.m. to learn more about Campus Kitchen and how you can get involved.

### Baylor's got talent

After Dark, Baylor's all-university talent show will hold auditions in Waco Hall on Tuesday from 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m.



# BGCT considers large cuts for Baylor

By DANIEL C. HOUSTON  
STAFF WRITER

The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) is considering a budget proposal that would cut Baylor's non-seminary share of cooperative program funding by more than half.

Baylor's cut in funding - from \$1.72 million in 2011 to \$831,175 in 2012 - would come amid net increases in funding for every other participating Texas Baptist university, according to a copy of the proposal provided by John Hall, news director for the BGCT. Funding for the George W. Truett Theological Seminary would remain relatively stable at \$1.1 mil-

lion - a 1.7-percent cut.

Steve Vernon, acting executive director for the BGCT, said the decision was influenced by a decrease in revenue across the state, but also by considerations for a more equal distribution of funding among the various institutions. Combined with funding for Truett, Baylor's portion amounted to 27 percent of the 2011 total, split between it and 10 other institutions.

"We have been evaluating how we fund all of our institutions, so this is a proposal that has grown out of that," Vernon said. "It's really grown out of trying to answer that question: 'How do we treat everyone the same way?'"

To this point, Baylor has held

off on responding in detail to the prospect of losing BGCT funding, citing the lengthy process the proposal would have to go through before a final budget could be adopted during the BGCT's annual meeting on Oct. 24-26.

"Our understanding is that this is part of the BGCT budgeting process that is ongoing, and since it's still working through this process, it's premature for us to comment," Lori Fogleman, director of Baylor media relations, said.

Vernon said the proposed budget would cut off all "pro rata" funding for universities relating to the BGCT by special agreement, rather than direct affiliation. Pro-rata funding refers to funds

whose amount varies according to the number of semester hours taught at each institution. In order to be considered an affiliated institution, a Texas Baptist university must allow the BGCT to select at least 75 percent of the members on its board of trustees; Baylor allows the BGCT to select 25 percent of its regent membership. Houston Baptist University is the only other non-affiliated university, although a large proposed increase in its base funding level from the BGCT would more than offset HBU's loss of pro-rata funding.

While Vernon said he wasn't aware of other university presidents claiming Baylor was given an unfair priority in previous

funding levels, he said the numbers do seem to indicate a certain level of inequality in Baylor's favor that the new proposal is intended to remedy.

"I think it's a reflection of the influence in governance that we have with all of our institutions," Vernon said, "and is in the interest of treating all of our institutions, as they relate to us, equally."

The budget proposal has been reviewed by the BGCT executive board's finance and education subcommittees, but still needs to be reviewed by the institutional relations committee. Vernon said the executive board will vote on whether to recommend the bud-

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## Spreading like wildfire

A helicopter returns to refill its tank for a water drop on fires near Possum Kingdom Lake in North Texas.

# Alumnus escapes jobless economy, creates Facebook-inspired website

By ANNA FLAGG  
REPORTER

When Noah Mortel graduated from Baylor in 2008, he headed to Los Angeles with high hopes of working in the entertainment business. After two years of frustration and unstable jobs, he moved back to his hometown of Houston and worked as a payment processor. Although he was thankful for the job and the money, this was not his passion.

"It shouldn't be like this," Noah said. "I have a business degree from a prestigious college, and I was not able to find a satisfying job."

These thoughts propelled him to explore other options.

Noah always enjoyed creating new things. When he was in elementary school, he would take apart toy cars and put paper propellers on the motors and sell them. When asked at middle school graduation what he wanted to do when he grew up, he said that he wanted to start a business. Noah began to carry a notebook with him, in order to write down any ideas that came to mind.

In the spring of 2010, he was lying in bed, looking for a way to turn things around and he thought about Craigslist's success. He thought of ways he could improve and change that same concept, so he decided to take that idea and push it a step further.

Noah's brother and 2012 Baylor graduate, Marc Mortel, boasts about Noah's entrepreneurial direction.

"I think the fact that he chose something different, something unique, something that is high risk, is a great reflection of the person that he is," Marc said. "He is willing to confront challenges and adversity while remaining focused on a vision and a dream."

In May of 2011, after trudging through five different website developers and gratefully receiving financial assistance from family and friends, Noah launched bazaarstuff.com.

Bazaarstuff.com is a free classified listing website aimed at college students. Site users can buy, sell, swap or trade goods and services online, including apartments, textbooks and even apply for internships. Students can upload up to six pictures, link YouTube videos and include a Google map.

A recent article published in I-newswire said, "Addressing the communication needs of a younger crowd, Bazaarstuff.com also features a user friendly interface that includes a comment system for any quick questions, responses, and bargaining along with accompanying email notifications to these comments."

The primary avenue for marketing has been lo-

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# Professor weighs in on religious freedom

By ALYSSA MAXWELL  
REPORTER

An op-ed essay by Baylor history professor Dr. Thomas Kidd was recently published in USA Today. It focuses on various examples of religion being assaulted around the world.

"In the past six months, appalling religious violence has convulsed Egypt, especially against its Coptic Christians," he wrote. Such violence in Egypt has led to injuries and deaths.

Although there have not been any such acts of religious violence here in the U.S., there have been

controversies regarding religious freedom.

"A federal appeals court approved San Diego State University's policy of denying a Christian sorority and fraternity official campus benefits simply because the groups restricted membership to Christians," he wrote.

According to the op-ed essay, the Supreme Court will be hearing arguments on a religious liberty case, Hosanna-Tabor Church v. EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunities Commission), which considers whether a religious school has the right to fire a teacher who contradicts official

church teachings.

Controversy in religion piqued Kidd's interest because he feels that it is important to educate others on faith.

"There is no more controversial topic than religion in American public life," Kidd said, "and I believe that Christian scholars have a vital role to play in offering informed, constructive views on faith's history and contemporary significance."

Dr. Kidd teaches American History courses especially on the American Revolution, religious

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# Campus Kitchen receives \$3,000 gift

By JORDAN HEARNE  
REPORTER

Aramark presented a check for \$3,000 to the Campus Kitchen Community Garden on Wednesday morning. The completely organic and self-sustainable garden is used to grow produce to donate to programs that feed the needy.

Campus Kitchen is a program that collects uneaten food in dining halls on college campuses and uses that food to create meals for people in need. The group also teaches classes on how to prepare the food in order to give the jobless residents in the community kitchen skills and create an environment where students can interact with the community through volunteer work. Aramark is the university's food service provider.

The money donated to Campus Kitchen was collected from a garage sale fundraiser held by Aramark known as Bazaar Bonanza. Employees of Aramark and Baylor Dining Services do-

minated items to the sale, which far exceeded expectations by filling up an entire ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple. People donated everything from random knick-knacks cluttering their garage to old pieces of furniture. Ken Pollard, district manager of facility services for Aramark, said it was the outpouring of employees and help that made the garage sale such a success.

"When you hold a garage sale at your home, you make \$500 in proceeds, if you're lucky," Pollard said. "No one would dream of raising \$6,000." Half of the total proceeds were set aside for the garden.

The community garden is located on Ninth street and James by Browning Square apartments and is managed under the umbrella of Campus Kitchens. This fall, the Waco Family Abuse Center is among the many places that will receive fresh food.

"This is one of those jobs you

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Clare Paul, marketing manager for Baylor facilities, left, presents a check to Dickinson junior Hannah Laird, San Antonio senior Amy Heard, graduate student Cameron Moore and vice president of student life Kevin Jackson.

# A&M to leave Big 12 by July 2012

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The official Texas A&M fight song includes a line that bids farewell to Texas, "so long to the orange and white." By this time next year, Texas A&M may have said goodbye to a lot more than its storied, century-old rivalry with Texas.

Texas A&M announced Wednesday that it will leave the Big 12 Conference by July 2012 if it can find another home, preferably in the Southeastern Conference.

The decision could set off another round of conference realignment in college sports and it raises questions about the future of the Big 12, which is starting the football season with 10 teams after losing Nebraska and Colorado. The Big 12 said it would move quickly to find at least one replacement for the Aggies but offered no timeline.

"The presidents and chancellors of the nine remaining member institutions are steadfast in their commitment to the Big 12,"

Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe said in a statement. "As previously stated, the conference will move forward aggressively exploring its membership options."

The Southeastern Conference said it hadn't received an application from Texas A&M to join the league and that it would have no further comment. The SEC has reaffirmed its 12-school membership, but remains open to expansion talks.

Leaving the Big 12 "is in the best interest of Texas A&M," said university President R. Bowen Loftin, who formally notified the league with a letter after earlier securing details on the withdrawal process. He said he hopes the move can be amicable and presumably hopes to negotiate a reasonable exit fee.

"We are seeking to generate greater visibility nationwide for Texas A&M and our championship-caliber student-athletes, as

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# BU Bookstore should reconsider contract

If you read Daniel C. Houston's story Wed. on tensions between The UBS Bookstore and the Baylor Bookstore, you were probably left with some unanswered questions. We on the editorial board were.

The UBS Bookstore is blocked by eFollett, who works with the Baylor Bookstore, from seeing the university bookstore's website.

The Baylor Bookstore has defended this because of a contract Follett has with Baylor, but UBS says it would be able to provide better prices and services if it had the same access to professors' book lists as the Baylor Bookstore.

Currently, only the Baylor Bookstore has access to the list of required books professors provide to Baylor. By the time UBS compiles its own list before each semester, book publishers have already

sold many of their used copies of books, and UBS must purchase a greater quantity of new books that cost more for students.

Even with all the complications, UBS still has lower prices on many books. This discrepancy suggests the university has a contract that needs to be re-evaluated.

If UBS continues to have lower prices than the Baylor Bookstore without the benefits of the contract, it would seem that contract is preventing the Baylor Bookstore from having the lowest prices.

If the contract does not help keep prices low for the Baylor Bookstore, what purpose does it serve? If it is keeping costs low for the Baylor Bookstore, why aren't these discounts being passed along to students?

Baylor, as an educational institution,

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needs to be looking out for the interests of its students, not those of a bookstore.

No one seems to be denying the fact that the Baylor Bookstore has a competitive advantage over UBS. They have a contract with the school; it is their choice how they take advantage of it. This, however, does not explain why prices at the Baylor Bookstore are often higher than those at UBS or why the Baylor Bookstore often has inexcusable shortages.

There are possibly valid reasons for why these competitive advantages seem to be in direct contrast with the average student's experience at the bookstore. Perhaps there are hidden costs to the store that reasonably justify the high

prices.

From our viewpoint, however, it seems the Baylor Bookstore is taking advantage of the students.

Walking from Penland Hall to Eighth Street with several large textbooks is much more inconvenient than walking across the street to the Baylor Bookstore. If the Baylor Bookstore is designed to serve these same students and has a contract ostensibly designed to further that goal, how is it that an off-campus bookstore is the one more often worth visiting?

Whether or not eFollett chooses to block UBS from accessing its website is its decision – we lean toward being against it (while understanding the textbook company's reasoning) – but to block the site in order to take advantage of students is unacceptable.

Americans value competition between businesses because these competitions traditionally lower prices – this situation smacks more of cheating than competing.

If the university's contracts do not serve the students or faculty, then such contracts need to be re-evaluated. The Baylor Bookstore's system appears to be broken. Students and professors alike are fed up with short supply and high prices, and perhaps making the Baylor Bookstore sweat a little would yield better service.

In conclusion, we acknowledge there may not be simple answers to these questions. This does not excuse the exploitation of students' budgets, however.

We call upon the bookstore to reevaluate the contract and its benefit to both students and the bookstore itself.

# Kentucky's restriction on reporter violates basic rights

The University of Kentucky sparked a big controversy Tuesday over issues involving the First Amendment.

Kentucky's associate athletics director for media relations DeWayne Peevy banned a student reporter from an event Tuesday in which select media were allowed to interview players of the basketball team.

The reason, according to Peevy, is because the reporter violated a policy that requires media to arrange player interview with media relations rather than going straight to the players.

As the sports editor, I can attest that Baylor has the exact same policy. If I want to arrange an interview with any player, I have to call a member of media relations, or as I call them SID (sports information director), in order to do so.

I understand why the policy is in place and where Peevy may be coming from.

The problem is, that's not exactly what happened. Aaron Smith, the managing editor and basketball reporter at the Kentucky's school newspaper the Kernel, saw a tweet from a Kentucky basketball player stating that the team received two



Tyler Alley | Sports Editor

walk-ons.

Kentucky had not yet announced this news, so Smith decided to check the information for himself before reporting this story.

He found the two players' numbers on the directory and called to confirm if they were indeed walk-ons. Both players told him yes. He then asked if they would be willing to talk to him. Both players declined.

Smith heard a story, wanted to get it

out as fast as possible, but also wanted to check his facts. That's his job.

Also, since he did not know they were student athletes until they told him, he did not violate any policy by calling them.

Peevy's actions in banning Smith from the media event were uncalled for, and frankly, prevented Smith from doing his job.

Peevy said Smith was excluded from this event only and that he will have the usual access from now on. He just wanted to "teach him a lesson without costing him anything."

Teach him a lesson? For what, doing his job? How do we know you will not do this again in the future the next time you feel a reporter steps beyond his or her bounds?

I can speak from experience on this matter. Just last week, I asked a player a question I was not allowed to ask, and an SID standing nearby said, "no, you can not ask that question."

Did media relations punish me in any way? No, the following Monday I was in the weekly press conference for football, asking questions to Art Briles and Robert

Griffin III and doing my job.

Why was I not treated like Aaron Smith? Because Baylor's SIDs are professionals and don't act like bullies to the media, even to student media (I can honestly say they have always been great to me, and whenever I ask for an interview, they either give it to me or tell me the player is not available.)

What Peevy did was bullying and censorship. Kentucky is a public university funded by taxpayer money and the paper is independent published. Kentucky has no right to censor their paper in any way, and preventing Smith from getting his interviews is censorship. Period.

I also read a comment under the Kernel's story about the situation by Thalethia Routt, a counsel general associate in the Office of Legal Counsel at UK.

She said the paper got what it deserved. She also said, "This is what happens when pretend journalist get greedy," and "there is no First Amendment violation. The Constitution demands free speech, not free access."

First of all, for a member of the "Office of Legal Counsel," you seem to have not

read the entire First Amendment, which mentions freedom of speech as well as freedom of the press.

Also, what exactly do you mean by "pretend journalists," Ms. Routt? Are you accusing me of being a "greedy pretend journalist" for wanting to ask players questions?

I do all the same things that every other sports reporter has to do covering college football. The only difference is I go to class as well.

Your statement is not only stupid but also offensive. I don't know how you got your job, but I personally don't think you should have it if you run your mouth off like this, and at the very least you should be reprimanded.

Aaron Smith is a real journalist who just happens to work for a university newspaper. Not only that, he is a good journalist. He should be praised; instead, he was punished. This is unacceptable.

The Associated Press Managing Editors and Associated Press Sports Editors both called Kentucky's actions "reprehensible" and have defended Smith. Allow me to add myself to that camp.

## Correction

The Lariat's Aug. 31 article titled "Drought affects Waco wetlands" was written by staff writer David McLain, not Daniel C. Houston, and the article in the same issue titled "Archaeology Professor awarded research grant" was written by Ashley Yeagan, not David McLain. The map displaying the Lake Waco Wetlands locations should be credited to Matt Hellman, Lariat photo editor.

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# TxDOT hopes for Labor Day free of drunken drivers

By BRITTNEY COULTER  
REPORTER

The Texas Department of Transportation partnered with local law enforcement officers and representatives from the Tawny Martin Foundation to publicize their annual "Drink, Drive, Go To Jail" campaign Wednesday morning at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. The presentation focused on keeping drunken drivers off the road.

"Since the beginning of this month and continuing through Labor Day, law enforcement agencies here in Central Texas and across the state will be focused on making arrests and taking drunk drivers off the roads and streets of this state," said Richard Skopik, the Waco District Engineer for the Department of Transportation and a speaker at the event.

Skopik went on to say that Texas has one of the highest rates of drunken driving-related crashes

and fatalities in the nation. "In 2010 alone, 1,057 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Texas," he said. "Alcohol was a factor in more than one-third of all traffic fatalities last year."

These statistics have motivated the Texas Department of Transportation to educate drivers about the dangers of drunken driving through public education campaigns over the Internet, radio and television.

"Our hope is that we can convince people to make the responsible choice and plan ahead before getting behind the wheel of a vehicle if they've had anything to drink," Skopik said.

Students from Baylor's department of theater arts were also involved in the presentation. Dressed as prison inmates, they held placards that stated common excuses that impaired drivers give law enforcement officers, such as "I'm okay to drive," or "I'm only a couple of blocks from my house."

Trooper D.L. Wilson, a safety and education officer for TxDOT, said the excuses are not enough.

"All the excuses we hear, they don't protect the person from getting stopped," Wilson said. "And they do not help the victims that are involved in a car crash."

Roy Martin, founder of the Tawny Martin Memorial Foundation, and his son Noah, tugged at the heartstrings of viewers with his story. After Martin lost his daughter, Tawny, in a drunk driving accident, he started the foundation with his son. Since then they have made it their mission to educate young people on the dangers of drinking and driving.

Steve Fallon, director of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, ended the presentation on a positive note, with the hopes that a safe holiday weekend will follow the presentation. "We hope that this is the safest Labor Day weekend we've ever had," Fallon said.



MATT HELLMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Baylor theater students dress up on Wednesday to demonstrate various excuses drunk drivers give to police when pulled over as part of a drunken driving presentation hosted by the TxDOT at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

# Obama cedes to Boehner's timing

By JIM KUHNHENN  
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President Obama gestures after an address on a federal highway bill at the Rose Garden of the White House on Aug. 31, 2011.

WASHINGTON — In a retreat after an hours-long test of wills Wednesday, President Barack Obama agreed to deliver an address on jobs and the economy to a joint session of Congress on Sept. 8, yielding to House Speaker John Boehner, who had balked at Obama's request for a Sept. 7 speech.

Obama's address still gives him a grand stage to unveil his economic agenda, but it falls on the same evening as the opening game of the National Football League season. White House officials were working on the timing of the speech.

The change now will allow a planned Sept. 7 Republican presidential debate in Simi Valley, Calif., to proceed without Obama upstaging it.

Still, by seeking a rare joint session of Congress as his audience, Obama will get a nationally televised address that puts him face to face with Republican lawmakers who have bitterly opposed his agenda and who have vowed to vote down any new spending he might propose.

"It is our responsibility to find bipartisan solutions to help grow our economy, and if we are willing to put country before party, I am confident we can do just that," Obama wrote Wednesday in a letter to Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

With new August unemployment numbers ready to be released Friday, Obama is under pressure to lay out his plan. In seeking a joint session of Congress to deliver it, he is turning the effort into a public relations campaign.

The timing dispute created an inauspicious start to the jobs debate and introduced tensions before Congress even returns from its annual summer recess.

It began with the White House releasing the letter at noon Wednesday from Obama to Boehner and Reid requesting they convene a joint session of Congress for his address at 8 p.m. on Sept. 7.

Usually, presidential requests to address Congress are routinely granted after consultations between the White House and law-

makers.

In this case, the White House notified Boehner's office on the same day it released the letter requesting the session. A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic, said Boehner's office raised no objections or concerns.

But Boehner, in his formal reply, said the House would not return until the day Obama wanted to speak and that security and parliamentary issues might be an obstacle. The House and the Senate each would have to adopt a resolution to allow a joint session for the president.

Boehner spokesman Brendan Buck said no one in Boehner's office signed off on the date and accused the White House of ignoring established protocol of arriving at a mutually agreed date before making public announcements.

Boehner's letter did not mention the Republican debate on Wednesday or Thursday night's NFL game between the New Orleans Saints and the Green Bay Packers, a game certain to draw a large television audience. But the political gamesmanship was clear.

In a message posted on the Twitter social network, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said: "BarackObama request to give jobs speech the same night as GOP Presidential debate is further proof this WH is all politics all the time."

In the Senate, Republican Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina said he, for one, would object if Obama insisted on making his address on Wednesday.

Carney said the timing is a coincidence.

Negotiations between the White House and Boehner's office ensued through the late afternoon and into the evening Wednesday.

At about 9:15 p.m., White House spokesman Jay Carney issued a statement: "The president is focused on the urgent need to create jobs and grow our economy, so he welcomes the opportunity to address a Joint Session of Congress on Thursday, September 8th."

White House officials say all details of the president's address have not been decided.

Obama is expected to lay out proposals to increase hiring with a blend of tax incentives for business and government spending for public works projects. With July unemployment at 9.1 percent and the economy in a dangerously sluggish recovery, Obama's plan has consequences for millions of Americans and for his own political prospects. The president has made clear he will ask for extensions of a payroll tax cut for workers and jobless benefits for the unemployed. Those two elements would cost about \$175 billion.

Ideas are under consideration include tax credits for businesses that expand their payrolls. The president has proposed a similar effort totaling \$33 billion before.

Using a joint session of Congress as a forum also places a hot spotlight on Obama's address and sets high and risky expectations for his jobs plan.

Obama and White House officials say he intends to propose measures that should receive bipartisan support because they contain ideas embraced by both parties. He has also issued an overt threat to take his case directly to the public if Congress does not act.

# Baylor in New York students suffer setbacks due to Irene

By ROBYN SANDERS  
REPORTER

Students already in New York City with the Baylor in New York program are safe following tropical storm Irene, but some students still in Texas faced problems trying to rearrange their flights.

The Baylor in New York program gives students the opportunity to live in New York for a semester while having an internship and taking classes with Dr. Joe Kickasola, associate professor of film and digital media and director of the Baylor in New York program.

Dr. David Schlueter, professor and chair of the communication studies department, said the students in New York City are fine, and that Kickasola was in contact through the weekend with students who had not yet arrived. Students who were not already in New York were encouraged to change their flights to a later date, and classes that were scheduled to start earlier this week were delayed to give them time to arrive.

"We made sure that their safety was first and foremost," Schlueter said.

According to the *New York Times*, Irene had been downgraded to a tropical storm with 65 mile per hour winds by the time it reached New York City around 9 a.m. on Sunday. The storm hit New York City with heavy rain, strong winds and flooding in some areas.

According to the Associated Press, 330,000 New Yorkers were still without power as of Wednesday morning, and the state's death toll reached nine. The damage is estimated at \$1 billion.

Houston senior Josh Overton planned to arrive in New York City on Saturday, but because of Irene's projected landfall Sunday morning and the shutdown of the airports and mass transit system in New York, he did not fly in until Wednesday — the same day his classes were scheduled to start and the day before he was to start work. Overton said he is not worried, although he will now be "fresh off the boat," instead of able to spend a few days getting settled.

"Now the plan is to fly Wednesday, start class Wednesday, and start work Thursday; kind of a crazy trial by fire," Overton said. "I land at 1:30 and start class at 7."

He said he tried to move his flight to Monday or Tuesday, but the airline did not include Saturday flights in their storm advisory, which meant he would have to pay a rescheduling fee.

"Their policy said that people flying Sunday or Monday could change without problem. In fact, it encouraged those travelers to move their flights up to Saturday," Overton wrote in a blog post. "But if you were flying Saturday, your flights were not canceled and therefore it would be your fault if you changed."

Overton said that by Friday night, New York officials announced they would be closing the airports as well as the mass transit system; it was only after this that the airline moved his flight without a fee.

"My flight was canceled, and because they had spent all day filling flights, the only thing available was Wednesday," Overton said.

Even if it is not in the way he planned, Overton said he is excited to be going to New York.

"I cannot wait to get up there and start working," Overton said. "It is going to be incredible."

# Work may cause stress at home

By JADE MARDIROSIAN  
STAFF WRITER

If you find yourself treating a family member or loved one rudely after a stressful day at work due to disrespectful co-workers, beware, because your actions could have unforeseen consequences.

A recent Baylor study published online in the *Journal of Organizational Behavior* has found interacting with rude co-workers has an impact on employees' home lives.

"What I found was that the stress does follow them home and that stress tends to impact marital satisfaction," Merideth Ferguson, assistant professor of management and entrepreneurship and author of the study, said. "The most interesting and surprising part of the study showed stress that comes home with them, the spouse then takes to work and it keeps them from doing their job as well as they might otherwise."

Data for the study was gathered in 2008 from 190 people with different types of jobs from across the United States. Employees and their spouses completed two different types of surveys.

Ferguson said her interest in the topic came from knowing a number of colleagues from her master's in business administration program who dealt with toxic work environments.

Students also experience the negative affects of rude co-workers. A Baylor student who works as an assistant at a law office in Waco claimed the lack of civility often affects her personal life. She asked to remain anonymous because she works in a small office and could possibly face negative repercussions for speaking about her work environment.

"When the attorney is around it's kind of hostile, and I feel like the attorney doesn't respect his administrative assistant," the student said. "He curses at her and belittles her, and he makes it obvious he thinks she's not intelligent."

The student said that it makes her nervous to approach her co-workers and she often feels the effects of their hostility even when she has left the office.

"I feel stressed when I leave work and I feel like I snap more easily because I've been exposed to it at work all day," the student said.

Ferguson said that it might help employees affected by hostility to focus on work only when they are there and to make sure and focus on their family at home.

The student said that she is trying this method to cope with the stress of her own work environment.

"I just try to tune [my co-workers] out so that I don't get affected by their negativity," she said. "When I leave work, I try to leave those emotions at work and not carry them with me."

Ferguson further clarified that people who experience chronic rudeness in their work environment may need to take more serious measures to ensure that other aspects of their lives are not negatively affected, Ferguson said.

"People who experience a chronic rudeness, I would suggest get help with stress management techniques. Rudeness and instability can result in things like anxiety and depression, so we suggest people get in touch with a counselor," Ferguson said. "If it starts impacting their physical and mental health, they should seek a job elsewhere."

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# Metro offers New York flavor in downtown Waco

By MOLLY DUNN  
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

There's one type of food Waco has yet to see, and that is authentic New York cuisine. Metro Restaurant & Bar on Austin Avenue in downtown Waco offers an authentic New York menu for affordable prices.

Partners Jimmy Imeri and Juan Martinez opened Metro nearly three weeks ago and have already seen their business flourish.

Imeri and his family started the Baris restaurants in Waco and the surrounding area after moving to Texas from New York 15 years ago. "We've been in the restaurant business for years," Imeri said. "Juan, my partner, he's my best friend from New York City, came to Texas to help us out."

After living in Queens and Brooklyn for most of their lives, Imeri and Martinez decided to work together and create a restaurant that could bring New York to Waco.

"We wanted to do something different and try to get a little bit of every single part of New York City, the five boroughs," Imeri said. "We figured the way we'd bring it together is the Metro train system. That's why we got the name Metro because it will take you to all over New York."

The five boroughs of New York are Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, The Bronx and Staten Island.

Imeri and Martinez based the

entire menu off of cuisine found in each of these areas to fully encompass New York dining.

"If you look at our menu, it's [Jackson Heights Salchipapas] named after Jackson Heights. That's a place in Queens, New York where the population is a big population of Peruvians," Martinez said. "We've got the Arthur Avenue; that's in the Bronx where the population majority is Italians. So basically, those names you can go back to New York and find them in that neighborhood."

New York is a melting pot of ethnicities and cultures, so providing a menu with an array of cuisine from Greek gyros to penne alla pesto to a Philly cheesesteak seemed like the best way to bring New York food to Texas.

"We grew up in a culture with a lot of different cultures," Imeri said. "You can get everything you want out there. It's kind of like we're Metro and we're taking you to all of New York City."

Throughout the day, Metro offers appetizers like "Washington Heights Tostones," a Dominican-inspired dish of fried plantains and queso fresco, various sandwiches such as a Cuban sandwich, chicken and lamb gyros and of course authentic New York hot dogs.

Jessie Jefferis, Metro's bartender, said he loves the restaurant's concept of having New York cuisine in a state where Tex-Mex dominates the restaurant scene. The Broadway Hot Dog is his favorite item.

"The menu is amazing," Jefferis said. "I've had to try other things just because I've eaten it so many times. It's really good."

Although the restaurant opened only three weeks ago, the owners already have plans to expand the menu with more specials as soon as business picks up.

"In a month, we're going to get a hot dog cart," Imeri said. "So at nighttime people can eat a hot dog, kind of like Austin downtown; more fun and a livelier atmosphere."

After 5 p.m., the restaurant begins to serve dinner entrees, specifically steaks and fish.

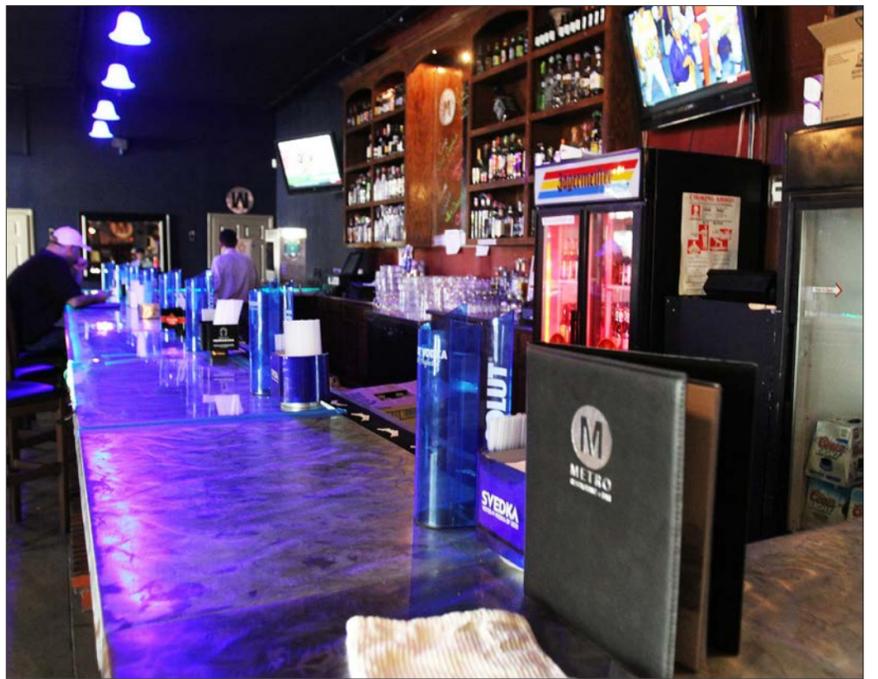
"We've got this Night in Manhattan menu where it's under \$15," Martinez said. "I have a pistachio-crusted salmon that people look at and think they should be paying \$25 for."

Imeri said Metro was designed to cater to everyone: families, children, college students and adults.

"We're keeping it inexpensive because we do have a lot of Baylor following with Baris, so we want to keep it affordable for them too," Imeri said. "We don't want to be upscale; we just want to be a place you want to go eat without being broke."

Not only can customers expect to pay less than an average steakhouse for a New York Strip, but everything on the menu is prepared to order.

"We cut everything fresh," Imeri said. "We slice the meat



MATT HELLMAN | PHOTO EDITOR

Metro Bar & Restaurant is located at 719 Austin Ave. across the street from the Waco Hippodrome. The restaurant offers authentic New York style cuisine seven days a week.

fresh. We make our own provolone. Everything is completely fresh."

Throughout the day, Metro serves lunch and dinner, but after 10 p.m., the restaurant offers karaoke, live music and televised games.

Open space and a projector make the restaurant suitable for a party or event. Imeri said Metro

does not charge for parties and that a business recently held a presentation during lunch hours, making use of the projector.

Catering is also available.

"We just keep it going on all day," he said. "Kind of like a New York thing. Restaurants turn into night clubs and bars, so we thought let's try something like that down

here. Downtown Waco needs something different."

Metro Restaurant & Bar is located on 719 Austin Ave. and is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

Emily Martinez also contributed to this article.

## Years later, 'Donkey Kong Country' is memorable

By KENDALL KAUT  
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

1994 was a monumental year. For the first time in 40 years, Republicans would be the majority party in Congress. Baseball, America's beloved past time, would see its season ended by a 232 day strike. Kurt Cobain would die but people knew they would never forget him. In 50 years, it will be an ape with a tie that will be the enduring image of 1994.

"Donkey Kong Country" is still one of the most popular games of all time. It was released for the Super Nintendo but has been re-released on the Wii, Game Boy Color and Game Boy Advance. The game stars Diddy Kong and his uncle Donkey Kong, an amiable ape we could only hope to be ruled by if the events in "Planet of the Apes" occurred. The ultimate goal of the game is to pass through more than 40 levels en route to recovering a stolen hoard of bananas.

Although "Donkey Kong Country" is quite similar to Super

Mario Brothers in terms of stomping on enemies' heads, having spare lives, and passing through levels, there are many notable differences.

In addition, Donkey and Diddy can be strategically rotated by high-fiving each other for certain situations, unlike the Mario Bros., who seem to be almost identical twins. Diddy uses quickness and wide jumping abilities to avoid the plagues of animals the evil King K. Rool uses. Donkey Kong is like Vinny from "Jersey Shore," strong, someone you always wanted more of, but better kept in limited use.

The gameplay in "Donkey Kong Country" is exceptional. Players face levels that always have new challenges. On one level, a player has to throw exploding barrels of oil, on the next, swing from vines. New threats are constantly faced. One second a bumble bee who was cool and just staying in one zone has to be avoided; the next, a bee, as crazy as A&M going to the SEC, appears. Alligators are always ready to attack, but each experience is as

terrifying as the first appearance. Players who find key crates unlock a swordfish, an ostrich and a rhino. Each time the game seems like it will become predictable, it continues to defy expectations.

Donkey Kong is also important for more than just the game. The soundtrack was widely popular and led to the popularity of future songs on later releases.

The popularization of apes in American culture reintroduced King Kong to a generation in a way better than even Denzel Washington's iconic line in "Training Day" could. Although later games in the Donkey Kong series are as disappointing as "The Carter IV," the original did enough good in numerous ways we should never forget it.

The events of 1994 have largely returned to normal. Baseball returned, the Republicans lost their majority and Kurt Cobain is unknown to a generation. If presented with an image of Donkey Kong, however, society still knows he's the leader of the pack.

## Lariat still looking for reader submissions

The Lariat staff is still looking for submissions for our "Great Video Game" series and our "Best-Dressed Baylor Bear" series.

We ran our first edition of our "Great Video Game" series today

and we're thrilled with what Mr. Kaut was able to send in and we would love to see more.

As for the Best Dressed Baylor Bear submissions - well, keep sending them. So far at least, the results

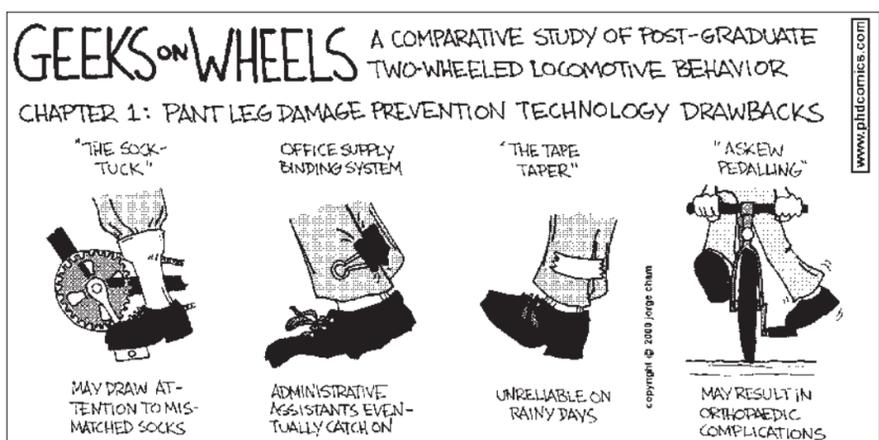
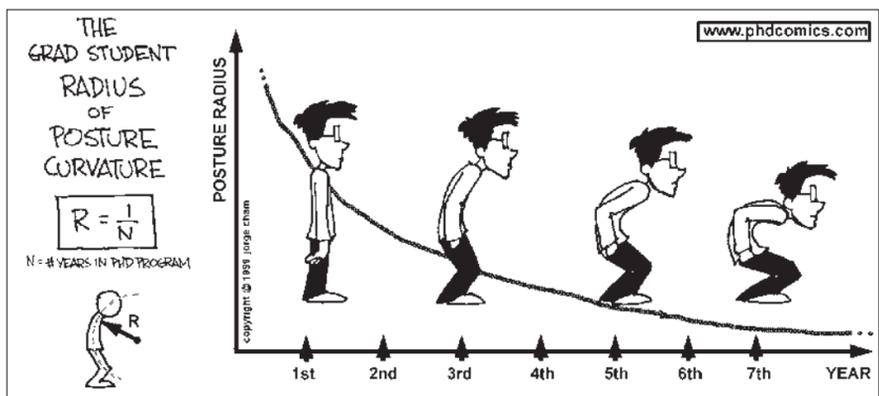
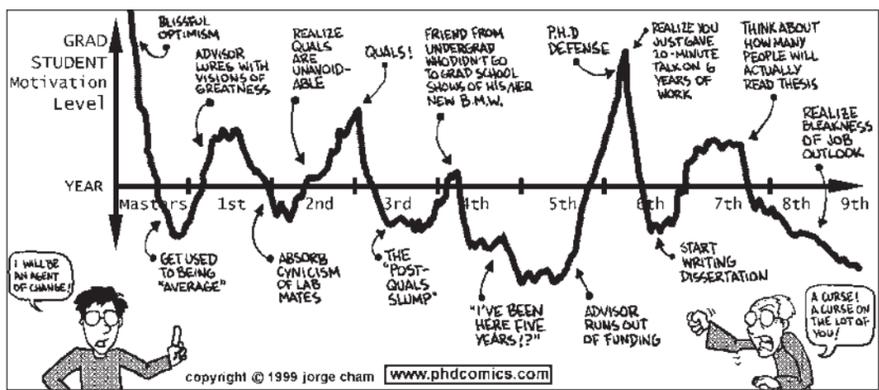
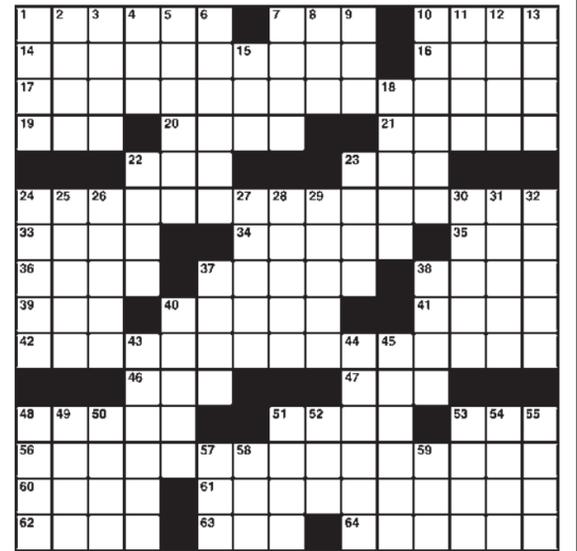
have been relatively disappointing and, as we stated in the "Welcome Back" issue, we're not going to give out prizes to just anyone.

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# Sports take: NFC title will go to Eagles; Rams, Bucs postseason bound

## NFC East

What do you get when you add two pro bowlers to an already ridiculously talented team?

A division championship and a serious run at the Super Bowl for the Eagles. The additions of cornerbacks Nnamdi Asomugh and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie will make opposing quarterbacks think twice about throwing the ball...anywhere.

Add that to the resurgence of Michael Vick and the explosiveness of DeSean Jackson, and they will be looking at more than just a division championship.

Then there are the Cowboys. You just never know what you are going to get out of these guys. Your guess is as good as mine.

However, as a die-hard fan, I'm optimistic. Rob Ryan will bring some much-needed toughness to the defense.

Overall, Tony Romo will have a solid bounce-back season and Felix Jones will show signs of brilliance as the Cowboys finish second.

The Giants will not be able to compete in this division until Eli Manning cuts down on the turnovers. Last year, he had 25 interceptions and five fumbles. You go as the quarterback goes.

Speaking of quarterbacks, there's Rex Grossman and Jon Beck. Those are the Redskins quarterbacks. Shannahan's club will improve from last season but with two sub-par quarterbacks, don't expect much.

## NFC North

The defending Super Bowl champions ought to win this division fairly easily. The Pack brings back virtually the same team, and will benefit from running back Ryan Grant coming back from an injury-shortened season.

Mike Martz has had high praise for Jay Cutler and his new footwork. As a Cowboys fan, I suspect both Marion Barber and Roy Williams will flourish in Chicago. This will lead them to second place and in the hunt for the wild card race.

The Favre experiment is over in Minnesota, officially. In steps Donovan McNabb; he still has some gas left in the tank and will find his go-to guy to be Percy Harvin. In typical McNabb fashion, they will blow teams out one week and then look mediocre the next, to finish nowhere better than .500.

The Lions defense appears to be one that will stifle opponents and get after the quarterback this year. Matthew Stafford's health remains a huge question, though — one large enough to put them in last place, a spot they are familiar with.

## NFC South

Welcome to the toughest division in football. It's a tough call but ironically, I'm picking the team from the Big Easy.

Greg Williams' blitz-happy defense will wreak havoc on opposing offenses and Drew Brees and Co. are sure to put up big numbers; they have proven they are capable of that week in and week out.

Tampa Bay is a strong team with a promising future. It has high hopes for quarterback Josh Freeman, who showed resiliency and great decision-making last year. Look for them to be in the wild card hunt as well.

Yes, that means I have the de-

fending division champions falling to third in the division. The Falcons still have a solid, playoff worthy team, but will not benefit from having to play the Saints and the surging Buccaneers twice.

Carolina will improve statistically speaking, but the team does not have enough talent to seriously compete. It will be fun to see how the Cam Newton experience pans out, however.



Daniel Wallace | Sports Writer

## NFC West

Welcome to the worst division in football, or maybe even all of sports for that matter.

The Rams will win the division, as Sam Bradford will benefit from having a full season under his belt. They add new offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels and underrated wide receiver Mike Simms-Walker from the Jaguars. The advantage they have here is that they get to play everyone in their division twice.

The 49ers are still in a rebuilding mode; they have a first-year head coach fresh out of college and somehow still have faith that Alex Smith is the answer under center. He's not. Move on.

The Seahawks won this division last year with a losing record. They will stay true to their losing record, but don't expect them to win the division. Last year, they were nothing more than mediocre on both sides of the ball, and they lost former Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck.

The Cardinals will round out the little league division. New quarterback Kevin Kolb will provide some sparks of energy and confidence but that won't make up for the lack of adequate talent needed to play with the big dogs.

## Wild Cards:

The Cowboys have glaring holes on defense, mainly the secondary. However, the Cowboys have enough offensive weapons to win enough games for a wild card spot. Last season was simply a disaster, but they showed signs of life in the second half of the season.

The Buccaneers finished 10-6 last season and missed the playoffs. Normally, 10 wins gets you in. That omission is due to the caliber of their division, but they proved they could compete with the Falcons and Saints. Look for Josh Freeman to establish himself as a consistent, smart and reliable quarterback, and Tampa to sneak into the playoffs.

## Playoff Results

AFC Championship Game:  
Patriots over Steelers

NFC Championship Game:  
Eagles over Packers

Super Bowl XLI:  
Patriots over Eagles

# Battle Royal: A look at the Big 12

On Friday fans across the nation gladly welcome back college football for another year. As always, there's plenty of potential and new possibilities, and everyone has something to prove. Here's a preview of the new-look Big 12, who to watch and what to expect.

BY KRISTA PIRTLE  
SPORTS WRITER

## Oklahoma

Topping nine preseason polls are the Oklahoma Sooners. Returning for the Sooners is the dynamic duo of breakout junior quarterback Landry Jones and senior wide receiver Ryan Broyles. Last season, Broyles led the NCAA in receptions per game (9.36) and total receptions (131). Jones is due for a breakout season after compiling 4,718 passing yards, two shy of OU's school record held by Sam Bradford.

On the defensive side of the ball, both of last season's starting safeties have graduated, causing the shift to safety from cornerback for sophomore Aaron Colvin, who made 34 tackles, broke up three passes and forced a fumble on the field as a true freshman.

Saturday, Oklahoma will face Tulsa, who finished the 2010 season ranked No. 24 by the Associated Press. The game will be in Norman, a place where the Sooners seldom lose.

## Oklahoma State

Big 12 offensive player of the year, junior wide receiver Justin Blackmon is back for the Cowboys after a 2010 season with 111 catches, 1,782 receiving yards and 20 touchdown receptions. He also set NCAA records with 12 straight 100-yard receiving games. The yards are impressive, but the man throwing to him is also becoming a better Big 12 quarterback. Senior Brandon Weeden threw for more than 4,000 yards last season and 34 touchdown passes. Big 12 co-defensive freshman of the year Shaun Lewis leads a front seven full of possibilities.

Offensively, Oklahoma State fire on all cylinders, but the defense will have to prove themselves in a conference with the most talent the Big 12 has seen in a while.

Saturday, the Cowboys will host a less talented squad from Louisiana-Lafayette, a sure win for the start of their season.

## Texas A&M

Whether they leave the Big 12 or not, the Aggies are a force to be reckoned with. They are solid on both sides of the ball. Defensively, Texas A&M is returning eight starters, and they are more confident in their 3-4 scheme. The Aggies have a position on defense, joker, in which junior Caleb Russell is expected to excel. Their secondary appears to have the best coverage in the Big 12 preseason.

Offensively, A&M is returning 1,000 yard receiver Jeff Fuller, rusher Cyrus Gray and passer Ryan Tannehill. This offensive trifecta will attack defenses in ways that will be hard to stop. After years of rebuilding, Kyle Field will finally house a top-notch football squad. Sunday, the twelfth man

will be in action as SMU comes to town.

Out of all the Big 12 matchups, this one proves to be a possible upset. A&M better not get too cocky and focused on the SEC or the Mustangs will take advantage of them. The reality of that happening is very slim.

## Missouri

The Tigers are returning 17 starters (eight offense and nine defense) from a 2010 team that finished 10-3. One of the inexperienced Tigers on the gridiron is their quarterback, sophomore James Franklin. All eyes will focus on how he commands his troops. To his right and left, every one of Missouri's 312 receptions and 3,292 receiving yards return from the 2010 season. Junior wide receiver T.J. Moe provides some safety for the new quarterback, as he recorded 92 catches last season.

On the defensive side of the ball, six of the front seven are returning starters from last season. The Tiger defense was first in the Big 12 in scoring defense last season. Uncertainty for Mizzou lies in the effectiveness of the new quarterback, but the depth of experience in the 2011 roster proves promising.

Saturday, they host Miami (Ohio). Like OSU, this opening game should be an easy W for the Missouri squad.

## Texas

Last season is one that the Longhorns would rather forget than remember. The Longhorns are returning five offensive and seven defensive starters. Recently, coach Mack Brown named junior Garrett Gilbert the starter under center.

Even though the fall was destructive for the Longhorns' pride, the spring brought the fun back to the game. The reason for this fun is found in the new offensive coordinator team Bryan Harsin and Major Applewhite, bringing about more motion and formations. The hiring of a new defensive coordinator, Manny Diaz, will force the defense to blitz more than it did in the past.

Usually, when a team has such a destructive season, people wonder how they will fare in the new season,

but because they are Texas, there is great hope for the Longhorns. Their first game is in Austin against Rice, a game that will showcase whether Longhorns will come out on the field and play or struggle.

## Baylor

Robert Griffin III—Fans have seen what happens with and without him; however, football isn't a one-person sport. His leadership is essential to the level of performance on the gridiron, but the amount of talent around him is also important. Senior wide receiver Kendall Wright, Griffin's favorite target in 2010, is back and ready to improve on last season. Baylor's offense ranked in the top 25 nationally in both

passing and rushing offense.

Defense, however, is the subject of concern for the Bears. With the hiring of defensive coordinator Phil Bennett, the defense proves to have much potential going into the 2011 season. Their home opener on Friday is a big test for the Bears as they host TCU. TCU lost a good amount of their talent from last season, and with the strengthening of their defense, Baylor has hopes of upsetting the Horned Frogs.

## Kansas State

The Wildcats are back after a 7-6 record in 2010. Nothing much about Kansas State stands out on paper, but after their first week of play, the playmakers will emerge. Look for junior wide receiver Brodrick Smith to breakout this season as the primary threat on the outside. Fellow wide receiver, sophomore Tramaine Thompson, is expected to

standout as K-State's primary playmaker on offense. Throwing the ball to these two will be junior Collin Klein. Senior Samuel Lamur could also take snaps under center, so the uncertainty of who will rise as play caller may effect the communication and production of play of the field.

On the defensive side of the ball, the safeties are the strongest positions. Sophomore Ty Zimmerman and senior Tysyn Hartman bring back experience and athleticism to the secondary. The Wildcats host Eastern Kentucky on Saturday for their season opener. This sure win for Kansas State will provide quality practice to get their offense more stable.

## Texas Tech

The Red Raiders are entering 2011 off an eight-win season and a bowl victory over Northwestern. Head coach Tommy Tuberville is entering his second season in Lubbock, ensuring more confidence in the

success of his players. Stepping in to fill the hole at quarterback is junior Seth Doege. Junior running back Eric Stephens assists him in the backfield. With uncertainty on how productive the offense will be coming out of the gates, the main question lies on the defensive side. Tech hired defensive coordinator Chad Glasgow straight from TCU. Glasgow has implemented a 4-2-5 defensive scheme, perfect for slowing down the spread offense. The Red Raiders host Texas State to open the season. Tech should come out of the match-up victorious and experienced in their new schemes for 2011.

## Iowa State

The Cyclones are returning 13 starters (six offense and seven defense) from their 2010 team that went 5-7. Stepping into the pocket for Iowa State will be junior college transfer junior Steele Jantz, who led San Francisco City Community College to an 11-1 season and state championship last year. The depth around Jantz appears shallow.

With the loss of a three year starter at running back, the Cyclones are depending on sophomore Shontrelle Johnson to prove his potential and produce touchdowns on the field. Last season, he averaged 6.2 yards per rush on 35 carries. Expectations are high at wide receiver, where senior Darius Reynolds is coming off a slow 2010 after being injured the season before.

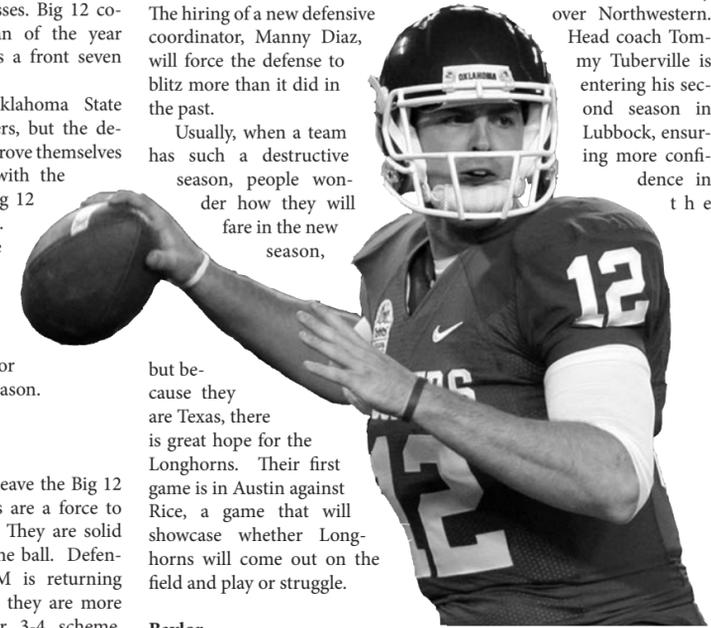
Defensively, junior linebacker Jake Knott leads the pack. Knott averaged 10.8 tackles (130) per game last season which ranked 12th nationally.

Iowa State will host Northern Iowa on Saturday, a good place to hone their skills before facing in-state rival Iowa next week.

## Kansas

Turner Gill enters his second season for the Jayhawks, hoping to improve off a disappointing 2010 season. Fifteen are returning for Kansas (seven offense, eight defense). Sophomore Jordan Webb, who played nine total games last season and acquired 1,195 yards and seven touchdowns, will start under center for the Jayhawks. He just needs to find someone to catch the ball. Kansas ranked dead last in passing efficiency in the Big 12. Webb should have a decent amount of time in the pocket behind an experienced offensive line, led by senior center Jeremiah Hatch.

Senior linebacker Steven Johnson anchors the defense with the 95 tackles he recorded in 2010. However, the four men in front of him present a major concern, as they only had 14 total sacks last season to finish 11th in the Big 12 in that category. Kansas hosts McNeese State on Saturday.



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derive joy from," Pollard said. Sharla Porter, assistant food service director for Baylor Dining Services, said that when they decided to hold the fundraiser, the goal was to "get the name out there and get support for this program."

Clare Paul, marketing manager for Baylor Facilities, presented a life-size check to leaders of the community garden program. One of the recipients, Garden Manager Hannah Laird, who has spent most of her time preparing the garden for the upcoming season and organizing volunteers, said, "this is my baby."

The money from Aramark will contribute to ongoing maintenance of the garden, helping with the cost of seeds and supplies. Rosemary Townsend, staff coordinator for Campus Kitchens, has big plans for the donation, saying they "have a dream list." On that list is at least one picnic table and a small storage shed to house some of the equipment.

During the check presentation, Townsend thanked everyone and said the event was a "celebration of the partnership it takes to run this garden." Volunteers and graduate students that work in the garden were thanked along with the Baylor community and Aramark, who, Townsend said, "are true partners

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get on Sept. 26 or 27 to the BGCT messengers at their annual meeting.

The Baylor Board of Regents' decision earlier this year to allow non-Baptist Christians to hold positions on the board prompted the BGCT executive board to request a renegotiation of the special agreement between the two organizations. Vernon said the proposal to lower funding for Baylor was not related to any tension resulting from this decision.

"From my perspective, this was something that was on the horizon before Baylor made that decision," Vernon said. "The simple truth is that we still elect 25 percent of their regents and they elect 75 percent, and with the inclusion of non-Baptist regents, that didn't change."

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history and the history of American ideas, and is co-director along with Philip Jenkins of Penn State University, of the historical studies of religion program at Baylor's Institute for Studies of Religion.

"We seek to give excellent scholarship on religion a public platform through magazines and newspapers such as USA Today," Kidd said.

Kidd and Jenkins have been working together for the last couple of years.

"We think it meets a serious need, as religion plays such a critical part in so many aspects of life, including politics," Jenkins said. "We did a major event this year on the King James Bible - celebrating its 400th birthday in 2011 - and we have many other events planned through the coming four years or so."

Kidd has four books published, and a fifth is scheduled to be published this fall - Patrick Henry: First Among Patriots. Last year, Kidd published the book "God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American

Revolution," which examined the role of faith in the American Founding era. The book won an Award of Merit from Christianity Today magazine.

Barry Hankins, director of graduate studies in the history department, served as a mentor to Kidd.

"Professor Kidd and I have very similar scholarly interests but in two different periods of American history, and we both take seriously how Christian commitments intersect with scholarly work," Hankins said.

They immediately became friends and would frequently go to lunch, either at Vitek's barbeque or Memorial cafeteria, and talk about their interest in the history of religion in America, current newsworthy topics and football, Hankins said.

"Given his enormous scholarly success, all before the age of 40, I tell people half-jokingly that I'm hitching my wagon to Tommy Kidd's," said Hankins.

Hankins and Kidd are collaborating on a narrative history

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cal advertising around Houston as well as social media. Facebook has quickly become the most successful way to spread the word about bazaarstuff.com. Noah is excited about the future of the company and he hopes to expand outside of the United States and reach other

ful for the opportunity to have gone to Baylor.

"I just want everyone to know that I give all the glory to God," Noah said. "My goal is not just to have a successful company. This is a springboard and a launch pad. To me, the world is kind of like a frozen lake, with a lot of talented people under the surface, who need a little help in order to break free."

Noah wants to find people much like himself, who do not have money but do have ideas, and use his success to help them overcome their roadblocks. Someday, if he is in a position of influence, he wants to use the opportunity to speak positively and help out people of all races, backgrounds and income levels.

"Because he has a story, he will have the opportunity to impact the world around him and people will listen," Marc said. "I know him well enough to know that he wouldn't take that opportunity for granted."

*"I just want everyone to know that I give all the glory to God."*

Noah Mortel

markets beyond college students.

Through his business classes at Baylor, he learned a lot about starting businesses and working out the financials. He said that being a student has helped him think like a student and has helped him figure out the best way to reach the college age market. Money did not always come easily to his family and said he is humbled and thank-

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well as secure the necessary and stable financial resources to support our athletic and academic programs," Loftin said. "This is a 100-year decision that we have addressed carefully and methodically."

Texas A&M, which has been in the Big 12 since its founding in 1996, said it will submit an application to join another, unspecified conference. If accepted, Texas A&M will leave the Big 12, effective June 30, 2012.

Texas said it remains committed to the Big 12 even with its historic rivalry with Texas A&M in jeopardy. But Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds didn't address the game or even A&M by name.

"As we stated last summer, we are strong supporters and members of the Big 12 conference," Dodds said. "Recent events have not altered our confidence in the league. A Big 12 committee is in place to look at all options, shaping the future of the conference so it will continue to be one of the top leagues in the country."

Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne addressed his school's decision to leave in a blog posted Wednesday.

"There have also been other developments during the past several months that have caused a great deal of uncertainty within the Big 12," Byrne said in the blog. "You all know the landscape of the Big 12 Conference was altered by the creation of the Longhorn Network."

He mentions the network's attempts to televise high school games and the "attempt to coerce Big 12 schools to move their football games in Austin" to the network. Byrne also said that Texas A&M was not offered the chance to join the Longhorns in the venture.

Texas and Texas A&M first met in football in 1894 and the annual Thanksgiving game is a highlight of the season for many fans. Loftin said that a "primary criterion" when negotiating with another conference would be the ability to continue the rivalry, but there's no guarantee the new conference or the Longhorns would agree to such a deal.

Like Texas, Baylor has been

in the same league with Texas A&M since the beginning of the Southwest Conference in 1914. With no push by Texas A&M to continue playing the Bears, they were disappointed that their football rivalry, which began in 1899, will end.

Baylor President Ken Starr still believes the Big 12 has a "bright future," even without the Aggies.

"We know that the Big 12 is an exciting and attractive conference for many reasons, including the quality of our academic programs, the strength of our athletic teams, the support of our loyal fans and the depth of our vibrant traditions," Starr said.

Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) left the league in July a year after a wild round of realignment that also affected the Mountain West, Big East and WAC.

So far, the only school to publicly express interest in joining the Big 12 is SMU, the former Southwest Conference team that now plays in Conference USA and has climbed back to respectability after receiving the NCAA's only "death penalty" punishment after a pay-for-play scandal in the 1980s.

BYU, could also be an attractive option to the Big 12. The school wouldn't say if it is interested in the conference.

"There is much speculation right now regarding conference affiliation that seems to change by the hour," the BYU statement said. "Commenting on such conjecture is not productive and creates a distraction for our program. As we enter the 2011-12 athletic season, BYU is focused on the opportunities ahead. We are excited about our relationship with ESPN as a football independent and our affiliation with the West Coast Conference."

BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said on a conference call on Tuesday before the Aggies announced their intention to leave that he thinks the school is "aligned and positioned where we belong," but that not being affiliated with the BCS is one drawback.

"Right now bluntly we have

to go undefeated twice in a very short amount of time to have a shot at the national title," he said. "So there's kind of a Catch 22, but for now and maybe for the relative long term I'm really, really comfortable with this independent role and if I can help our team play at the highest level and maybe that inclusion will come just through the number of games we win in terms of access to the national championship."

"The chancellors and presidents of the Big 12 are committed to keeping our conference competitively and academically strong," said Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton, who serves as the chairman of the Big 12 board of directors. "We have a process in place that enables us to move aggressively regarding the possible expansion of the conference and to assure our members and student-athletes that we will take advantage of the most productive opportunities in the best interests of all."

The SEC said earlier this month it was happy with its current membership but left the door open to expansion, and the Aggies certainly wouldn't have made this move if they didn't believe they could eventually join the conference. The Aggies would need the votes of nine of the 12 presidents from the member schools for the SEC to allow them into the league.

The Big 12 agreed to a 13-year television deal with Fox Sports in April worth more than \$1 billion, a contract that technically could be voided with Texas A&M's departure and lead to legal issues for the Aggies.

A person familiar with that TV deal told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the league has indications from the network that if a suitable replacement can be found that "they will be fine and keep the contract as is." The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the details are not supposed to be public, also said that the contract could remain in force at a discounted rate even if the Big 12 had only its remaining nine teams.

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