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LiveHire to give students edge

By Kate Gronewald Reporter

Every Friday in Florida, hospitalized children under quarantine enjoy a live, private piano concert from Texas without stepping into the outside world. Spring sophomores Grant

Sifers and Austen Baldridge hope to cash in on video conferencing technology and benefit nursing students with their new pilot program, LiveHire Communications. Sifers and Baldridge, who have been neighbors since elementary school, said their business relationship grew out of their friendship.

LiveHire's goal, to provide Baylor nursing students with enhanced employment opportunities and help hospitals compete for the most qualified candidates, will be accomplished by providing video conference interviews.

"We've got students, and we've got health care compa-nies," Sifers said. "We've got to fuse the two. We've got to bridge the gap.

In its pilot program, LiveHire will partner with IASIS Healthcare and the Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas to enhance long-distance job interviews using a Medical Video Interpreter kit, consisting of a Web camera, speakerphone and video conferencing software.

"Our philosophy is that everybody wins. We want the nursing students to get the best available job opportunities," Sifers said. "We hope that we can provide our service, at least in the meantime, completely free of charge and introduce this new way of interviewing."

The business partners hope

to incorporate a user-friendly Web site in the future that will allow nursing students to upload resumes and short video clips for potential health-care employers.

"I think that's a good idea that I would participate in," said Baylor nursing student Emily Cogburn. "You could at least see the applicant's body language and learn more about them than on a piece of paper."

LiveHire is partnering with

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Spring sophomores Grant Sifers and Austen Baldridge do a test call in their apartments using their new pilot program LiveHire Communications.



Mayor speaks at Brooks Tea

DuPuy gives students insight on Waco community

By Victoria Marie S. Bongat Reporter

While students helped themselves to brownies, fruit and iced tea, multiple conversations flowed.

Suddenly, the sounds of "Daddy! Daddy!" erupted.

This is the normal scene at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Faculty Master's Residence at Brooks College.

For the past five weeks, residents of Brooks College have come together to listen to guest speakers and enjoy fellowship in the home of their faculty master, Dr. Doug Henry, associate professor of philosophy in the honors college, and his family.

"You enter through the gate, and you're home," Doug said.

from the business school, and philosophy and journalism departments.

Waco Mayor Virginia DuPuy, spoke to the assembled students Tuesdav.

"I count this as a real privilege," DuPuy said. "(Being mayor) was not something I set out to do."

She told the students, most of whom were freshmen, that they had a great impact on the city of Waco.

DuPuy said Baylor students raise the average level of intelligence and overall social conscience.

"You have a sense for where you're going and what you're going to do," DuPuy said.

She also mentioned that the painting downtown for FirStep, student community service project during welcome week, 'meant so much to the city."

When asked about development plans for downtown Waco, DuPuy told freshmen, "You're nere at a particularly significant time She urged them to take pictures now because downtown will look completely different in four years "Óne of the things we did was sit down and talk with John Lilley," DuPuy said. "He wants to

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Drawing picture perfect

Waco freshman Ashley Hutchison sits close to her subject using a framing tool in order to draw her assignment to scale during class Tuesday in the Lewis Art Building.

Minority student numbers increase

By Star De La Cruz Staff Writer

According to a report from the American Council on Education, minority enrollment in colleges and universities rose 49 percent between 1994 and 2004.

The number of white students during the same period increased only6 percent.

Despite progress among minorities, the report entitled Minorities in Higher Education 22nd Annual Status Report: 2007 Supplement, shows that minorities continue to lag behind in college participation based on the percentage of 18 to 24-year-old high school graduates enrolled in college

Dr. Liz Palacios, dean for Student Development, said the reason many students of color wait before enrolling in a fouryear college has to do with financial issues.

"Many traditional students will initially go to community colleges before going to fouryear institutions. For some traditional Latino students, going into debt is a major concern for parents.

Palacios said debt is looked at unfavorably, so students may go back and forth from work to college several times. She added that traditionally for some Hispanic's parents might tell their kids to wait if college isn't affordable. They might ask them to work to help out the family first, before going to college

"Most of our students of color go to community colleges first, then transfer to four-year institutions, and even those who are in four-year institutions are working," Palacios said.

Besides financial and traditional issues, Palacios said culture may also prevent students from attending universities right after high school graduation, especially if there isn't a university near home. Culturally, "colored students like to stay close to home and are very family-oriented."

"They don't tend to say, I'm going to go look for myself away from home," she said.

Palacios said if the minority



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college participation rate is to continue rising with minorities a solution may be to speak with these students at an earlier age.

"I think a lot of it has to do with reaching them in middle school or early in high school; some research has indicated that minority students often attend the college that sends them a recruiting brochure first," Palacios said.

Waco junior Belinda Colunga said after high school she went to McLennan Community College because she was offered the Tartan Scholarship and got free education for two years.

"I wasn't ready to move away from my family or leave home and Baylor was too expensive at the time," she said.

Colunga said she believes

most minority students don't go straight to four-year universities because of a lack of resources.

"High schools don't give enough information about scholarships and since parents may have a lower level of education, they probably don't speak to or encourage their children as much," Colunga said.

According to Baylor Institutional Research and Testing, over a 10-year period, minority enrollment at Baylor increased by 14.6 percent. In 1996, 20.7 percent of students were minority. By 2006, the percentage increased to 35.3 percent.

Student Life is looking at

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Dr. Michele Henry, assistant professor of music education, explained that the tea is a weekly event open to any Brooks College residents.

"We want to invite students into our home because we want to interact with them," Michele said. "Often we have a special guest come." Past guests at the Brooks Tea include professors

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College.com to connect students

Web site exclusive for users with .edu e-mail addresses

By Kimi Willingham Reporter

Facebook has been connecting students since 2004, but a new social network, www.college.com, was launched Monday.

The creators of college. com decided to transform the domain name into a collegeonly Web site when Facebook opened profile access to anyone with an e-mail address. Unlike Facebook, college.com requires a .edu address, which ensures that students are enrolled in an accredited university.

When a student logs on to college.com, his or her profile is patterned after the school he or she attends. The homepage, custom designed to display the student's school colors, resembles an online news Web site.

"We are dedicated to enhancing the academic and social life of students," Erica Kijanski project manager in the marketing department of college.com said.

Originated and based in Florida, college.com stands out among other social networks by offering a variety of information that may be helpful to college students. The site incorporates elements such as local weather, current news, course schedules, professor profiles and rankings and study aids. The Web site also provides online note cards that can organize class workloads and serve as study tools for upcoming exams.

"It seems like a great idea and offers more security and peace of mind than Facebook," Sugar Land senior Mary Ellen Herndon said.

Frisco senior Jordan Secord said she was overwhelmed by the number of applications college.com has to offer. She said viewing the home page was confusing, and there were too many options.

'One Facebook-type thing is

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OPINION

Some Christians committing heresies of ignorance

Did you know that most Christians in America are heretics? OK, now that I have your attention, let me explain.

First, by "heresy" I don't mean "not Christian," just seriously theologically incorrect. Second, being seriously theologically incorrect doesn't mean "not going to heaven." It means "not honoring God with the right thoughts and words." You see, God cares what we think about him.

So why do I say most Christians in America are heretics? It's important to know that most Christians in America aren't taught very well when it comes to Christian beliefs.

They are guided by what I call "folk religion" more than traditional Christian theology. Folk religion is a loose collection of ideas expressed in clichés, slogans, sweet stories and bumper sticker sayings.

Folk religion resists reflection; it says to anyone who asks for deeper thought or consis-tency in beliefs, "Don't make me think; I'm comfortable with what I believe.'

Folk religion appears everywhere. Just think of all the people who believe the Bible says "God helps those who help themselves" or "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

Part of American Christian



folk religion is the belief that salvation is a joint effort of God and the human person. I call it the theology of "Touched by an Angel." In that TV series the angels often tell people that if they take a step toward God, he will come to them.

A popular Christian tract shows a ballot on the front where God votes for you and

Satan votes against you and you cast the deciding vote. That's neither biblical nor the classical Christian belief about salvation.

You see, the Bible says we are all helpless sinners and need God's grace even to exercise a good will toward God. The initiative and power is always God's, not ours.

Left to our own devices, we would never consider repenting and turning our lives over to him. He has to draw us to himself first. That's called "prevenient grace." Then, if we respond to God's initiative with faith, he promises to save us.

This heresy that is so prevalent among American Christians

has a name: semi-Pelagianism. Most people have never heard of it, but it describes many folk religious beliefs about salvation. It's seriously wrong because it places too much ability in human beings to initiate their own salvation.

Read the New Testament book of Romans and you'll see many passages that contradict semi-Pelagianism. I know it's not popular to say it, but we are totally depraved, which means we are spiritually helpless apart from God's special, assisting grace.

If you're a Christian, give all the glory to God for your salvation. It's not because of your

effort or work or goodness or ability that you are saved - it's solely because of God's grace from beginning to end. Šemi-Pelagianism is wrong because it allows us to boast of contributing to our salvation, which is foolish.

And when you talk to friends about being saved, please don't say, "If you take a step toward God, he'll take a step toward

you," or anything like that. Instead, say, "If you sense a need of God, it's because he's drawing you to himself. Don't resist; let him be your Savior."

Dr. Roger Olson is a professor of theology in George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

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Give equal classes for all majors

Editorial

Before attending Baylor, most students understand that there are certain requirements that differ from other universities across the country. Six hours of religion courses, two semesters of Chapel – we knew what was expected when we decided to come here.

But a lot of students aren't necessarily aware that, beyond religion classes and Chapel, other undergraduate general education requirements vary greatly from degree to degree. And when looking at the various requirements, some of them don't add up.

For example, students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to take four hours of human performance courses and up to 14 hours of a foreign language. While only students in the Hankamer School of Business are required to take one hour of human performance and can substitute the foreign language requirement with a choice between selected business, English, communication and journalism courses.

This is not just to call out the business school. There are other programs which lack the same level of HP and foreign language requirements that arts and sciences students are required to take.

One could certainly argue that specific degrees are harder to obtain or require more time outside the classroom than others, but does it make sense to fill students' hours with HPs when those students could be taking another elective in their major?

If it is Baylor's goal to prepare students' minds, bodies and souls for the real world, then why are certain students' bodies in more need of a workout than others depending on what they choose to study?



We're not saying Baylor should do away with the HP requirements all together, but the university should try to give students a level playing field. After all, HP classes are beneficial to students' health and well being. Students, who may not get much physical activity outside the classroom otherwise have the opportunity to become healthier when HP courses are required.

One of the most irritating things about undergraduate general education requirements, however, is foreign in high school by not making those students test into levels.

Lucky for them.

For the rest of us, we are subjected to Baylor's notoriously fierce approach to language courses. While some students opt to study abroad at their own cost, most students are put through what some say are the most difficult classes they have ever taken.

Regardless of what field you are studying, knowledge of a foreign language has become almost essential in our increasingly globalized society.

need this at least as much or more than most other majors.

By taking a foreign language, students not only learn another way to communicate, they also learn a skill that can set them apart from other college graduates.

And by being exposed to a different culture, a foreign language contributes to the well-rounded university education Baylor promises.

When it comes down to it, Baylor should reconsider its approach.

If we are all subject to the same

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language

Baylor has finally warmed up to the idea of rewarding students who have taken four years of a foreign language

So why, for example, does the business school have the least amount of requirements for a foreign language? It seems business students would

attendance policies, religion courses and Chapel, then why are some of us exempt from working up a sweat or learning a foreign language?

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Baylor in New York program offers chance of a lifetime for students

My boogers are gray from inhaling smog, my poor equilibrium embarrasses me daily on the subway, I'm always the least fashionable person in sight and I'm having the time of my life

I'm in the big city for the semester with Baylor Communications in New York City.

When I decided to come to Baylor, the New York program was in the back of my mind.

I told myself I was going to take the journalism department by storm and they would have no choice but to send me to New York

I told my parents to forget

about seeing their grandkids often, because I was going to New York, marrying a Yankee and living happily ever after.

After settling into college, I kind of forgot about the New York idea. It was hard enough to drag myself to class every morning. There was no way I was going to be able to drag myself across the country.

Last January, on one of the days I was able to convince myself to get out of bed, I heard about applications for the program and decided to apply. "I might as well," I thought.

"It'll be an exercise in rejection if nothing else.'

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Maybe it was destiny. Maybe it was a clerical error. But for one reason or another, I was accepted

I was going to New York.

To be part of the program, I had to find an internship somewhere in the city. Sounds simple enough.

Everyone who is anyone has

an office in New York. But after sending my resume to about 25 magazines here, I realized that no one wanted to hire me. They didn't even want to talk to me.

It's a hefty blow to your confidence when no one will let you work for free. It's like being turned away by the Humane Society. "Thanks for volunteering to clean out the kennels, but we're looking for someone with a little more poop-scooping experience."

After stressing and complaining about it all summer long, I finally landed a great internship. I work at *CosmoGirl* full time as assistant to the deputy editor.

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I may not seem quite girly enough for the position, but I assure you I can giggle and gossip with the best of them.

And I definitely enjoy the poster of the shirtless guy that was left at my desk by the last intern

In the couple of weeks I've been at my internship, I've been able to come up with captions for photos, pitch story ideas for different sections of the magazine and help out with a breakfast for Tim Gunn from "Project Runway.

Soon I'll be doing a whole page myself in which I'll ask guys about pressing issues like, "Do boys kiss and tell?" or, "What outfit will make my crush like me?" And even the cynical side of me is pretty excited about it.

I work during the day and go to a class taught by a Baylor professor two nights a week.

The rest of the time is mine to explore the city. I'm making the rounds of the New York-based talk shows, Broadway plays and famous restaurants.

I can't imagine a better way to spend a semester. And since we're an hour ahead here, I don't have to worry about the future -I'm living in it.

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NEWS

Dead pigs found on campus, student houses

By Anita Pere Staff writer

Dead pigs, recently shot in the head, were found resting Wednesday morning on the doorsteps of at least three offcampus residences occupied by Baylor students.

A dead pig was also dropped off at the feet of the Judge Burleson statue

Neither Baylor police nor Waco police have any leads in the slavings or placement of the pigs

Colleyville senior Katie McKinnon found a large black pig bleeding on her front porch when she came home around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

She called her roommate inside the house, telling her to come out to the porch. McKinnon explained to her roommate, "A hog. Oink-oink. Pumba is laying in our front yard.'

McKinnon called 911 immediately

"The emergency guys were laughing at me saying, 'There's a dead hog on your porch? Is this a joke?'

McKinnon said she believed that police could have been more sensitive and helpful.

"They didn't really want to help me figure out who did it in the first place. They didn't take the initiative. They spent more time laughing at me and my response to it than really helping the situation," said McKinnon.

She also said the police officers sent to her home disposed of the pig themselves instead of following protocol and con-

tacting the city department of refuse.

The officers recommended she pour cola over the area where the pig lay to wash away the blood

Amarillo senior Megan Boyd, Sugar land senior Lindsey Coffman and Tulsa, Okla., senior Katherine Baker used bleach on their porch. They, along with two other roommates, live in a house off-campus.

Coffman found a dead pig on their doorstep at about 7 a.m. Wednesday morning as she was leaving for school.

"I thought it was a stray dog sleeping maybe, but upon closer inspection (I noticed) it had hooves," Coffman said.

Coffman called the Waco police, who instructed her to call the City of Waco refuse department when they open at 8 a.m. Upon calling the department, the women were told they had to move the carcass to the curb in order for it to be picked up.

Boyd rolled up her sleeves and moved the bleeding, stinking pig to the curbside. She wrapped the pig in some old rugs and covered the hoofs with trash bags.

"Luckily, I was careful. I was concerned about getting blood all over me, (or) if the pig had rabies (...) it was just gross," said Boyd.

Ken Anthony, director of the Waco city refuse department, said his office cannot pick up animal carcasses on private property. He explained that trash trucks are equipped with a large claw to scoop up animal parts. The truck and claw could



Courtesy photo

A dead pig lies in a volleyball court at the house on Eighth Street and James Street. Dead pigs were found on at least three off-campus residences and at the feet of the Judge Burleson statue Wednesday morning.

damage property, so animal carcasses must be at the curb or in the street to be disposed of by the city

Boyd, Coffman and Baker were also concerned that the refuse department took more than 24 hours from the Wednesday morning call to pick up the

pig. The women said the pig had attracted flies and gave off a pungent odor by the time it was picked up.

Anthony explained that in Waco, the refuse department is responsible for picking up residential and commercial trash from 8,000 residences per day, as well as any animal carcasses. Unlike some cities, Waco

does not possess a humane department to deal with the disposal of dead animals. Despite this workload, crews pick up dead animals as soon as they

can

Anthony suggests calling the refuse department and talking to a supervisor for a pick up which is not handled in a timely manner. He also said employees in the refuse department have no special medical training to discard dead animals.

'Our people are not equipped for biohazard type waste," he said. "I don't know who to call about biological waste.'

Study says loneliness affects immune system

By Victoria Marie S. Bongat Reporter

In a recent study, researchers found that lonely people are more likely to suffer from diseases due to immune systems that have stopped performing normally.

The researchers set out with two theories. The first theory, called the social provision theory, describes how interaction with others affects health.

In an interview with the Environmental News Network, Dr. Steve Cole, a molecular biologist from UCLA who worked on the study titled Social Regulation of Gene Expression in Human Leukocytes, explained the rationale behind his team's work.

He said that, while the relationship between loneliness and social support has been explored for years, his team

set out to investigate a second theory– how the body changes through gene expression in response to isolation and loneliness. Cole's research required the use of a gene chip.

Dr. Doug Matthews, associate professor of neuroscience, said the gene chip is designed to measure relative amounts of Ribonucleic acid present. "Measuring how much RNA is present in people self-described as lonely is a correlative study-(it's a) chicken and egg kind of thing," Matthews said.

Dr. Sang-Chul Nam, assistant professor of biology sees how the use of the gene chip could be beneficial.

"Right now, this is the current technology in the chemical biology field if we want to know what kind of gene was defective," Nam said. Nam said he thinks the research is very striking. "Topic-wise, it's pretty fancy

and it's pretty exciting," Nam said. "This kind of medical research article is not strong enough to give us the direct evidence or the direct data, but it's good enough to give us focussome initial guidance for the future research in this field."

Research showed that the loneliest people had abnormal levels of chronic inflammation, which has been linked to heart and artery disease, arthritis, Alzheimer's and other diseases.

affect immune systems," Matthews said. "(This study) does highlight the need for fellowship or strong social networks and the role in quality of life that

One weakness that Nam finds is the overbroad definition of loneliness.

The study's findings do not surprise Dr. Tamara Rowatt, senior lecturer of psychology and neuroscience, who agrees with the assumption that there is a connection between loneliness and the immune system.

"It's probably emotional isolation," Rowatt said. "They say social isolation, but you can be around a hundred people and still feel isolated."

Rowatt explains that emotional loneliness is the lack of a connection with another person, but not necessarily physical isolation.

"I study social rejection in romantic relationships so I keep kind of coming back towards not only are these people lonely, but if we compound that with feeling rejected, then I think that's sort of a double-barrel negative impact on a person's psychological well-being and physical health," she said. Based on her reading, Rowatt

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concludes that the people in the study are chronically lonely people, not just dealing with specific stressors.

"Certainly being rejected or feeling lonely is a pretty negative stressor," Rowatt said. "These are people who have been habitually alone and chronically alone over long periods of time.

Rowatt questions whether it's a single event could impact the immune system, or if chronic isolation is required.

"I think we need more research to be able to answer that question," Rowatt said.

Despite any shortcomings, the research does lend itself to real-world applications.

"I think it asks more questions than it really answers, but to look at this very clear physiological connection to a psychological variable like loneliness is incredibly interesting," Rowatt said. "That opens a lot of doors for some more research."

BEAR BRIEFS

Sigma lota Alpha Informational Meeting will be held at 8:15 p.m today in the Gregory Room of the SUB. Everyone is welcome to attend. For additional information, contact Adriana_Soliz@baylor.edu.

Community Leader Interest Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Beckham Room of the SUB. For additional information, contact www.baylor. edu/CLL/CLAPP or contact cherilyn_sanderson@baylor. edu.

Asian Students Association presents Asian Pacific American Heritage Day and Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday on Russell Field. Asian Students Association will recognize Asian Pacific American cultures by holding an activity day, filled with games and activities from different Asian cultures. For additional information, contact stacy_chen@baylor.edu or hallen_dao@baylor.edu.

Hispanic Student Association Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Cowden Room of the Student Union Building. The organization is open to all students of all ethnicities and majors. For additional information, contact Oscar_Silva@ baylor.edu or Olga_Rodriguez@baylor.edu.

Hispanic Student Associa-tion's 3rd Annual "A Night at the Oscars" Service Auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Keyser Auditorium. The event will be a night of entertainment and an opportunity to serve. For additional information, contact Kimberly_Silva@ baylor.edu.

Tri Delta's Kicks for Kids All-University Kickball Tournament will be held at 4:30-8 p.m Thursday and 3:30 Friday until the winners are announced. For additional information, contact Julia_Johnson@baylor.edu.

Vietnamese Student Asso-

ciation presents 15th Annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Student Union Building. The show will include a full-course dinner, dragon dancing, lantern lighting, fashion show, dances, singing performances and more. For additional information, contact Quyen_Dau@ baylor.edu.

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BU alumnus joins history institute

Sloan takes institute in new direction as oral history director

By Katherine Farlow Reporter

Baylor alumnus Dr. Stephen Sloan has joined the university as new director of the Institute for Oral History and associate professor of history. As director, he is already making progress within the institute.

Baylor's Institute for Oral History is one of the best-known history research institutes of its kind, Sloan said.

"Our purpose is to create oral histories that document personal experience," he said.

In the short time Sloan's been at Baylor, history department chairman Dr. Jeffrey Hamilton said, a new energy has become present in the institute. Sloan will try to take the institute in new directions, Hamilton said.

Along with the position of new director for the Institute for Oral History, Sloan is also teaching a course on U.S. history this semester.

Hamilton said Sloan will also introduce a new history course next semester on environmental history. Sloan said oral history offers a methodology for information missing from records and seeks to rectify what was left out.

It's easy to find out what hap-

pened but not always the why and how, and oral history helps answer those questions, he said. Many people are left out of documented history and historical records.

"We can use oral history to figure out what people thought they were doing and how it was different,'

Sloan said.

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ing to Sloan, the institution is designed to work with community groups and not only document and preserve their history, but also interpret and understand it helping people relay their past.

The institute has an extensive collection and an opportunity to do more with it, he said.

"The immediate goal is to increase the accessibility of the collection," Sloan said.

He said there are plans for a partnership between the institute and the library to make the collection more available and digitize transcripts for better preservation.

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SPORTS

Eclectic safety Lake walks his own path

By Justin Baer Sports writer

It's 3rd and 7 on the Baylor 40-yard line. The opposing team's quarterback receives the snap, then drops three steps in the pocket before lacing a spiral over the middle.

As soon as the receiver gets his hands on the ball, Jordan Lake is there to administer a devastating blow, breaking up the pass.

Lake trots back over to the sideline and removes his helmet, baring a mohawk and a pair of red eyes.

Not only does Lake play like he is demon-possessed, but as some of his teammates joke, the sophomore looks like he is as well.

But Lake says that is all a part of his unique style, and Baylor fans don't need to worry about him making deals with the devil any time soon. And the red eyes? They're just con-

"People try to make me out to be a weird guy, but I am just kind of eccentric and like to have fun with things," Lake said

Whatever his secret, it seems to be working for Lake. After breaking his collarbone while intercepting his first career pass in the end zone in last season's 17-3 victory over Kansas State, the 6-foot-2 free safety missed over half of his freshman campaign.

Now, delivering monstrous hits and playing air-tight defense, the Houston native is making his presence known.

Last Saturday at Buffalo, Lake intercepted two passes and forced two fumbles.

His four turnovers contributed to 13 points for the Bears, which ended up being the dif-ference in Baylor's 34-21 vic-

"We see that from Jordan all the time in practice," head coach Guy Morriss said. "He's always around the ball. He's a kid that loves the game of football and throws himself around, plays reckless and does a great job preparing himself. He is very confident in his ability."

Lake was named Big 12 Con-



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Sophomore safety Jordan Lake eyes the offense Tuesday at practice. Lake leads the team with 21 tackles, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

ference Defensive Player of the accolades," Lake said. "But real-Week on Monday for the way he led the defense last weekend. That was, ironically, the first

time a Baylor player has earned the honor since Dwain Crawford did for his efforts against Kansas State last year, the game in which Lake was injured.

"It feels great to get those

ly, we are just happy for a win as a team. It's good to be 3-1 going to A&M this week."

Just like fellow classmate and defensive menace Joe Pawelek, Lake is a prime example that you don't have to be a heralded recruit coming out of high school to make an impact at the next level

At Houston Memorial High School, Lake was a three-year starter, and by the time he was a senior, he had become a second-team Class 5A Texas Sports Writers Association All-State pick.

Even then, Lake didn't garner the attention of any bigtime schools.

"I think a lot of recruiting today is black and white," said Lake, who also received attention from the University of Tulsa, the University of Tulane, and Southern Methodist University. "It's all about what your numbers are, what kind of stats you have as far as your 40-speed, and height and weight. I think a lot of those things are overrated. Guys like Joe Pawelek and I are trying to prove if you know how to play football and you have good instincts, you can play.'

Despite the recent accolades he has received. Lake still feels his mission is incomplete.

He believes he still has a lot to prove to the Big 12 Conference. And with the biggest

game of his career coming up Saturday, Lake has no better time to show his emergence as a diamond in the rough in front of 80,000 fans at Kyle Field.

"It definitely gives you huge momentum," Lake said of Baylor's upcoming contest against Texas A&M University. "I have never played a game like that before. The momentum that carries myself, the rest of this defense and the rest of this team forward is just tremendous, and it puts you in a good position."

The Bears have won three games so far this year, but one main question still remains. Can the Bears finally become a force in the Big 12 Conference?

It seems now more than ever the Bears need to make a splash in the Big 12, and Lake is ready to take on the task.

"I want to win; I want this Baylor team to really prove to the world that we are here, and we are not just some fluke of the past," Lake said. "We are really here to show the Big 12 that we are on the up-and-up, and we are going to be legit for a while."

Once-absent running game adds new dimension to offense

By Will Parchman Sports editor

In head coach Guy Morriss' tenure, an effective running game has often been more suggestion than reality.

Baylor's last 1,000-yard rusher was Rashad Armstrong, who ran for 1,174 yards in 2003. Baylor hasn't had a running back so much as crest the 700yard plateau since that time.

And judging by Baylor's first three games of 2007, it seemed like this season would continue Morriss' insistence on a strong passing game and little else.

So you can imagine the public's surprise when the Bears ripped off 229 yards on the ground Saturday in their 34-21 win over the University of Buffalo.

The total represented Baylor's most rushing yards in a single game under Morriss's direction and ushered in a new way to use the pass-heavy spread offense Baylor employs.

Rushes out of the shotgun set have been commonplace thus far, but the results had been negligible.

So to combat that weakness, offensive coordinator Lee Hays moved Baylor's offense into

tighter formations and pulled quarterback Blake Szymanski up under the center more often. The variance confused the

Buffalo defense enough that it allowed Szymanski to score on a 39-yard quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter to put the Buffalo game out of reach.

"That was Blake's call," Hays said. "He has that option to run, so he pulled it out and ran."

Szymanski finished the night with 91 yards rushing and, in the process, gave Texas A&M University a new offensive wrinkle to study before Baylor travels to College Station this Saturday.

The Bears' 5.5 yards per rush Saturday stood in stark contrast to their totals in the season's first three games.

Bavlor ran for 177 yards in those first three games combined, good for a 2.4 yards per carry average over that span.

The spur to the surge seemed to be freshman running back Jay Finley.

Finley, who received his first Baylor start Saturday, showed an adequate mix of elusiveness and speed and rushed for 80 yards on 15 carries against Buffalo.

Finley's yardage total represents the highest from a Baylor

ran for 91 yards on Oct. 7, 2006 last season against the University of Colorado.

'We felt like going in we were going to try and run it a little bit more in hopes that Jay Finley was going to be the catalyst," Morriss said. "He had a pretty good night, and then Blake decided to get into the act. I guess the other competition at the tailback spot got Brandon Whitaker kind of fired up.

"He responded too, with a pretty good evening. So it just worked out for the best I guess.

Whitaker, one of just two starting fifth-year seniors on the offense, was nudged out of the top spot by Finley after suffer-ing an injury in first half against Texas State.

But when Finley went down in the third quarter against Buffalo with soreness in his ribs, Whitaker was all too happy to prove that he hasn't released his grip on the starting position he held for the entire summer.

Whitaker had 11 carries for 57 yards, most of which came in the second half, and caught a touchdown in the third quar-

Morriss attributed the elevated play from the running game running back since Paul Mosley to the offensive line's produc-

tion. A large part of that is having senior guard Chad Smith back to cycle in at left guard, Morriss said.

Junior offensive tackle Jason Smith should also be returning from injury this Saturday against Texas A&M, restoring what was once a beat-up and reeling offensive line.

"You have got to give those guys a seam, and we did that," Morriss said. "With Finley back there, he gets through that hole in a hurry.

"There were a couple of runs where he was just a hair away from breaking it for that big run. A couple of those could have gone to the house.

Finley's big-play ability is one main reason Morriss is so excited to utilize him in Baylor's wide open offense.

Hays agreed, also saying that the offensive line has become more aggressive since the season-opening loss.

"The offensive line is really physical," Hays said. "I was excited last week, but a lot more now that we put so many rushing yards on the ground."

And if the Baylor ground game gets any better, Texas A&M might be in for a tough afternoon in trying to stop it this Saturday.



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat staff

Freshman running back Jay Finley scores off a 24-yard pass from quarterback Blake Szymanski against Texas State University on Sept. 15. Finley has rushed for 130 yards on 28 carries this year.



Jessica Hollis/Round Up staff

Sophomore Beckah Brady closes on a loose ball Sunday in Baylor's 2-1 double overtime win against the University of Delaware. Brady recorded her first assist of the season Sunday off the bench.

New system has soccer on track

By Garrett Turner Reporter

Forty-four seconds isn't very long. However, if you ask Jessica Hutton, a senior forward for the Baylor Soccer team, she would say 44 seconds is plenty of time after scoring the winning goal 44 seconds into the second overtime to beat the University of Delaware 2-1 on Sunday.

"For four years I played the role of just coming off the bench and in my senior year to get to play on the field and score the game-winning goal is special," Hutton said.

Head coach George Van Linder said Hutton's contributions have added to the team this year.

"It was really nice to see her to do that," head coach George Van Linder said. "It's been tough for her to get some playing time and to see her score probably the most important goal of her career was great."

As the women's soccer team

improves to 6-2-1, the total amount their performance will ultimately of wins they accumulated last season, decide whether or not they make it to their confidence couldn't be any higher, Hutton said.

"It's tremendous to know we can go into overtime and pull out a win. It allows us to step up and start the Big 12 off right," Hutton said.

The women's soccer team gets to start off the Big 12 conference with a home game against the University of Kansas Friday at 7 p.m.

"Everyone is preparing for the Big 12 conference play. We need to step it up and never let up," senior forward Megan Sherrell said. "We need to forget about our past seasons and even our past games because this is what really matters.'

The team made the Big 12 conference tournament last year but according to both Sherrell and Hutton that is not enough.

"Our big goal is to make it to the NCAA tournament," Hutton said.

As they go through the Big 12,

decide whether or not they make it to the NCAA tournament. According to Sherrell, the team is playing a different formation this season that fits the strengths of their players.

Judging by their results this season, the new formation is serving the team well compared to last season.

Last season, in their eight games before Big 12 conference, the team only scored four goals. This season in their 10 games before Big 12 conference play the team has scored 29 goals.

However, scoring isn't the only thing that will aid them this year in their Big 12 conference play.

According to Van Linder, their experience and confidence will help them greatly in Big 12 conference play too

'We're looking forward to the Big 12 and we realize it's a big challenge but our team is ready," Van Linder said



ENTERTAINMENT

Pink Floyd's Gilmour rehashes classics with fresh feel

Lariat gets first-hand account on new DVD, legendary career

By Amanda Robison Entertainment editor

David Gilmour, the legendary guitarist and voice of Pink Floyd, is back on the music scene with all the skill and sound that earned his place in history as a part of one of the most successful bands of all time.

On the heels of his 2006 album On an Island (which was No.1 in the United Kingdom), David Gilmour released his first live solo DVD, Remember that Night: Live at The Royal Albert Hall, Sept. 18 for fans who may have missed his 2006 tour.

The DVD has already rocketed to No. 1 in the United Kingdom and Italy since its release last week.

DVDREVIEW

Since he only played five cities in the U.S., Gilmour said the DVD would hopefully cover the places he couldn't get to.

"I swear it's the next best thing," he said in a phone interview, commenting that they worked really hard to make the DVD a real experience, as if you were actually at the concert.

Gilmour rose to fame with Pink Floyd in the late '60s and enjoyed tremendous success with the band, and now with his solo career.

"I have really fond memories and enormous affection and satisfaction for Pink Floyd and that part of my life," Gilmour said. "It was really my entire adult life."

Gilmour joined the band when he was 21, after its original vocalist and guitarist, Syd Barrett, encountered mental problems that led to his departure.

Gilmour, an excellent guitarist who also wrote songs and sang, led the band into the '70s and ushered in a new era for progressive rock, particularly with the unparalleled success of the experimental 1973 album, Dark Side of the Moon. The album remains at No. 8 on the Billboard Top Pop charts today, more than 30 years after its original release.

The band continued to work together and release successful material throughout the '70s, including Wish You Were Here (1975) and The Wall (1979), until the mid-'80s when bassist Roger Waters left the band over disagreements about leadership.

The band, without Waters, released two more albums which both enjoyed commercial success. The entire band reunited with Waters in 2005 to play in front of its largest crowd to date at a benefit concert, Live 8, in London. But Gilmour said it was probably the last time Pink Floyd will work together as a whole.

"I like working on my own," he said. "I will continue to work with other musicians, but I don't want to go back."

Judging from the success he has had with his solo career, it doesn't seem he would need to go back.

On the DVD, Gilmour is joined on stage by his former bandmate, Richard Wright, who plays keyboards and also sings backup vocals.

"The whole band (on the DVD) are brilliant musicians," Gilmour said. "There's such a difference in the level of pressure than big Pink Floyd tours."

He also said this tour gave him the freedom to invite different guests to join him that he might not have with Pink Floyd.

The DVD features collaborations with David Crosby and Graham Nash (of The Byrds and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young), Robert Wyatt and also David Bowie.

Gilmour said he chose his collaborators because they were "people I grew up loving."

"David Bowie might not have worked with Pink Floyd," he said. "But it fits with me."

The DVD is arguably the most personal project of Gilmour's career and is evidenced in various aspects.

After looking at the long list of songs from his entire career,



were relevant to me." He said he "immediately crossed off anything by Roger."

'I just didn't really want to go there," he said.

Gilmour explained the underlying themes and inspiration behind one of the most personal songs featured on the DVD and the namesake of his album, "On An Island."

"It's kind of a reflection on my life," he said.

The song was written after he spent a "wonderful night" on an island in Greek waters with five or six friends, two of whom have since died.

'The song is about how people live on in your memory, and mortality and religion-to some degree," he said.

On the DVD, Gilmour's perhe said he chose "the songs that formance features Crosby and

"Dark Globe" from his 1970 album *The Madcap* Laughs.

"It is really strange singing Syd's early songs," Gilmour said.

The performance, which was about a week after Barrett's death in 2006, has an eerily different feel from the rest of the performances and was never even rehearsed.

"It was the first concert since he died," Gilmour said. "I thought it would be a nice tribute to him."

There was no film crew at the performance to record it. Gilmour said they had a home video camera, but no bright lighting, since it wasn't preplanned.

"My son and another guy filmed it because it was slightly out of the usual," he said. "I thought it was a great moment. It was filled with emotion."

The emotion is evident as Gilmour, alone on stage with only an acoustic guitar, sings Barrett's words, which seem oddly relevant and make the performance extremely moving.

The entire DVD is filled with great, unique moments and is packed full of extras, including a backstage documentary from the tour and in the studio.

One specific treat fans will enjoy is the performance of "Echoes," the third-longest song in Pink Floyd's catalogue, which had not been performed since 1987

Gilmour said the song just didn't work when they tried to perform it in recent years.

"It's hard to pin down why," he said. "Younger musicians didn't quite get it-there was not the same respect. This time, everyone seemed to get it. It just worked. And we had a ball doing it.'

The performance features colored laser lights that pierce through a stage full of smoke with nearly every powerful strum of the guitar. Though Pink Floyd was known for its visual spectacles as part of its performances, this concert is noticeably scaled down.

"It's all about the music," Gilmour said. "Those things are devices, which are useful for big stadiums - for people far away. I don't think we needed those devices for this tour."

The footage for the DVD was taken from a 2006 concert in London's Royal Albert Hall.

"It's not as big as it looks," he said. "It's about 4,00 people. And it's round - a really charismatic building."

On the DVD, Gilmour said Pink Floyd had actually been banned for life from the hall after shooting off cannons inside during a performance in the late '60s. But he adds, "It's like a prison sentence - life isn't really life."

Fans can be thankful for that, because the performance footage shot in the hall is wonderful. The tracks on the DVD are near flawless.

After starting off with three consecutive tracks from Dark Side of the Moon, "Speak To Me," "Breathe" and "Time," Gilmour goes on to play many of the Pink Floyd classics, including "Wish You Were Here," "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" and finally ends with David Bowie joining him for an interesting rendition of "Comfortably Numb."

Gilmour's solo tracks bring a noticeably calmer atmosphere to the concert, but are packed with the same emphatic emotional appeal. Overall, they are serene and completely enjoyable.

Gilmour was intensely involved with nearly every aspect of the DVD, from production to performance, lending to its personal feel. Besides doing great things for your eyes and ears, the DVD also helps the environment. It is completely carbon neutral, using paper and cardboard products in lieu of plastic.

The DVD will instantly engage fans and remind them of why they loved Pink Floyd in the first place as well as ensure Gilmour's status as a legendary musician in his own right.

"Music is just something you are compelled to do," he said. "It comes out how it comes out and you just have to hope others come along for the ride."

This DVD is one ride you definitely do not want to miss. Grade: A

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said Gina Marie Johnson, owner

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their favorite.

By Bryn Burchfiel Contributor

I have lived in Waco for three years now, and feel like I have been to every restaurant in town.

However, one of my friends recommended a place that is hard to spot because it is hidden in the Ridgewood Village Center The Grape.

RESTAURANTREVIEW

As I walked into The Grape, I felt as if I wasn't in Waco anymore.

It was almost as if I was in a little quaint bistro in California. The restaurant is narrow with an intimate feeling. There is an outdoor patio glistening with decorative lights strung along small juniper bushes.

The crowd was small but apparently felt as if it was a party with one big happy family.

Most of the crowd at The Grape knew each other, making me feel as if I was the oddball in a Cheers episode.

It was an older, working crowd. My friend and I seemed to be the only college students there.

The Grape features about 150 wines

It also serves food with California style, including appetizers like spinach artichoke dip their menu items. and southwestern dip, which is

The only unique presentation came with the appetizer – chips and dip served on a gold plate.

The Grape has very reasonable prices, especially for college students.

The cheapest item on the menu is the southwestern dip for \$3 and the mango tuna salad for \$8.

After splitting an appetizer with a friend, my entire meal came out to only \$15.

The service is incredibly slow. I could have gone to Dallas for a better meal and service and it would have taken the same amount of time.

There was no excuse for the slow service, considering it was a Monday night and not very crowded.

I only saw about two servers and even during the lunch hour it was slow.

Not surprisingly, I noticed an advertisement for help needed during the day and evening shift

Overall, it's a cute little restaurant and a good place to go to relax with friends.

Just expect to be there a while

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday.

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NEWS

Ahmadinejad: Iranian nuclear issue closed case

By Edith M. Lederer The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS – Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared Tuesday that Iran's disputed nuclear program is closed as a political issue and said Tehran will ignore a U.N. Security Council demand imposed by "arrogant powers" that it halt uranium enrichment.

He told world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly that Iran has decided to pursue the monitoring of its nuclear program "through its appropriate legal path," the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

When Ahmadinejad was ushered to the podium of the General Assembly to speak, the U.S. delegation walked out, leaving only a low-ranking note-taker to listen to his speech, which indirectly accused the United States and Israel of major human rights violations.

The Iranian president spoke hours after French President Nicolas Sarkozy warned the assembly that allowing Iran to arm itself with nuclear weapons would be an "unacceptable risk to stability in the region and in the world."

Earlier, German Chancel-lor Angela Merkel threatened tougher sanctions against Iran if the country remained intractable on the dispute over its nuclear program.

Iran insists the program is purely peaceful, aimed solely at using nuclear reactors to gen-

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erate electricity. But the United States and key European nations believe the program is a cover for an Iranian attempt to produce nuclear weapons.

Ahmadinejad has defied two Security Council resolutions demanding Iran suspend enrichment and imposing escalating sanctions on key figures and organizations involved in the nuclear program. He made clear in his speech that Iran did not intend to comply with them now

"In the last two years, abusing the Security Council, the arrogant powers have repeatedly accused Iran and even made military threats and imposed illegal sanctions against it," he said.

"Fortunately, the IAEA has recently tried to regain its legal role as support of the rights of its members while supervising nuclear activities," he added. "We see this as a correct approach adopted by the agency.'

As a result, Ahmadinejad said, "I officially announce that in our opinion the nuclear issue of Iran is now closed and has turned into an ordinary agency matter."

Earlier this month, IAEA chief Mohamed El-Baradei said Iran's cooperation with the agency represented an important step, but he urged Tehran to answer all questions - including reported experiments that link enrichment and missile technology – before the end of the vear.

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applications, that it had refused to answer in the past. Tehran pledged to respond by the end of the year.

The U.S. initially opposed the plan, fearing it could draw attention away from Iran's defiance of the Security Council demand for a halt to Iranian uranium enrichment. It later endorsed the plan while emphasizing that must obey the coun-

Speaking to reporters after

his speech, Ahmadinejad sought to clarify Tehran's stance on the nuclear standoff, which he blamed on "certain big powers" that have sought "to turn a sim-

ple legal issue into a very loud, controversial political issue." He said Tehran's stance is that the matter involves only legal issues for the IAEA to handle, alluding to the Iranian regime's insistence that it is fol-

lowing its commitments under

the Nuclear Nonproliferation

Treaty to use nuclear power only for peaceful purposes.

In his speech to the assembly, Sarkozy called for the international community to be firm in pressuring Iran.

There will not be peace in the world if the international community falters in the face of the proliferation of nuclear arms," Sarkozy said. The Iranian crisis "will only be resolved if firmness and dialogue go hand-in-hand."

COLLEGE from page 1 date is bad, this "call" can be an excuse to end the evening.

Hodges has mixed feelings about the bad date call system. She said dates should be left alone and believes this option is not needed.

"I think this option is neat for people who want to use it, but I'd rather do it the old-fashioned way by having a friend call me or handling it myself in person,"

At this point, college.com is not a "gigantic" social network, Kijanski said. However, in time and through peer reviews, the marketing department at college.

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support systems for students, Palacios said. "We recognize that student organizations help our students of color feel a sense of community, support, and a chance to grow. It is important to connect our students with the resources academically as well, such as the Paul L. Foster

Student Success Center, faculty

mentors and peers." The report showed that from 1994 to 2004, total college enrollment increased by 3 million students to 17.3 million. In that same time period, the growth in Hispanic enrollment led all racial/ethnic groups, increasing by 67 percent.

Four-year institutions expe-

rienced the largest growth in Hispanic enrollment at 73 percent.

Baylor Institutional Research and Testing shows that in 1996, there were 931 Hispanic students and the number increased by 2006 to 1301.

"Even though most (Hispanics) go to community colleges initially, research indicates that students who begin in four-year colleges are more likely to graduate," Palacios said.

Palacios also said that most of Baylor's minority students decide to come to Baylor because someone they know has attended Baylor, a brother, sister, cousin etc., "so our students of color are attracted mainly by word of mouth."

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"He wants to see more students crossing I-35 and getting into the city."

DuPuy said that improvements will be made to Cameron Park, as a result of the recent bond election passage.

Two things that may help this vision come true will be downtown student housing and more retail locations.

Baylor and the city of Waco are working together on the mammoth dig site, located in Cameron Park, where 25 mam-

moths have been identified.





Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad waves prior to speaking during the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters Tuesday.

to deal with the nuclear questions. But while Iran is allowing the IAEA to inspect its known nuclear facilities, it no longer allows inspectors freedom to look elsewhere for suspicious activities on short notice as it once did. El-Baradei recently proposed

a compromise under which Iran would agree to answer questions on past nuclear activities, some This week, IAEA technical of them with possible weapons

officials returned to Tehran

Starkville, Miss., senior Holly

Hodges said.

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Language Assistance Telemedicine Inc., a Houston company that uses video conferencing technology in hospitals to

assist the hearing impaired and set up interpreters for patients speaking liftle or no Énglish, in addition to brightening the lives of quarantined kids in Florida.

After brainstorming potential business ideas over the summer, Sifers and Baldridge's idea is becoming reality, but not without guts and hard work. The duo said they put in at least three days a week and most weekends to make the project a success.

"There are so many people at Baylor that are smarter than us, but they don't really take a chance," Sifers said. "Business is all risk. If you want to be good, if you want to lead

and Baldridge are putting their newfound knowledge to use.

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and do it."

"It's through our motivation and our drive to make something happen and do something with the education that we're receiving," Baldridge said. "We want to apply it immediately as we're learning it. You go to class one day and you immediately come home and can apply it to something you're working on.'

After completing its test program with the Baylor School of Nursing and IASIS, LiveHire looks to expand its video conferencing services to a ninehospital health-care system in Florida.

"It could possibly be a career for us," Baldridge said.

Their goal is to make the animal los sils available for the public to view.

"We feel very confident at this point that the National Park Service will designate us as a national site," DuPuy said. 'We hope to have water taxis to go up river to the mammoth site."

When pressed for recommendations of things that are must-sees or must-do's in Waco, DuPuy mentioned places on Baylor's campus, the Dr Pepper Museum, historical homes and the Cameron Park Zoo, where "you'll want to meander – it's really a delightful place."

Before leaving for two other engagements, she addressed a question about the Bush Presidential Library saying the prospect pulled the community together.

Even after having heard her speak at Sunday dinner two weeks before, stu-

Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Arlington senior Gary Guadagnolo speaks with Waco Mayor Virgina DuPuy at Brook's Residential College Tuesday, in the house of Dr. Douglas Henry, faculty Master.

dents remained enthusiastic.

"I really enjoyed hearing her speak," El Paso freshman Amber Como said.

Como said it gave her good insight on community

"I really appreciate the fact that Mayor DuPuy relates to us and is willing to talk about the future," Emilie Moore, a freshman from Helena, Mont., said.

Moore said DuPuy is approachable, "which is a good quality.'

The students were not the only ones who appreciated the mayor's visit.

"It was a great honor to have Mayor DuPuy with us," Henry said.

"Like other guests, she challenged us with an admirable life, worthy convictions and opportunity to lift our sights."

