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Honors College changing status to fit growth

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The Honors College Living-Learning Center, located in Alexander and Memorial residence halls, will ease into a residential college platform in time for fall 2008.

With this development, the Baylor 2012 imperative to house 50 percent of students on campus becomes more attainable, considering residential colleges aim to keep students on campus for four years.

Dr. Frank Shushok, director of student learning and engagement, said this transition is almost as simple as renaming.

"In some ways, the shift is really something that's been happening for a long time. (This change) is putting a name to what it has already become," Shushok said. "In most ways, it's already operating as a residential college."

Although Brooks Residential College, the first of its kind on Baylor's campus, opened less than three months ago, Shushok is convinced the Honors Residential College will be a success.

"Residential colleges are not new kids on the block. They've been around for centuries and we've been moving toward the integration of academic and residential experi-

ences for about five years now," Shushok said. "If you want to measure the student enthusiasm for these things, you just simply look at participation."

Indeed, student demand for living and learning centers and residential colleges has grown exponentially. The Honors College - Living Learning Center, the Engineering and Computer Science Living-Learning Community and Brooks Residential College all established wait lists for this school year, according to information provided by Shushok.

50 percent of current Brooks residents and 60 percent of Honors College - Living Learning Center resi-

dents have already signed up to stay in their current residence, further illuminating this point.

Only 5 percent of students in traditional residence halls return for a second year, Shushok said.

"I think the high demand for housing in Alexander and Memorial reflects the dynamic community we have here," said Dr. Sarah-Jane Murray, who serves as faculty-in-residence in Memorial Hall and will become the Honors Residential College headmaster.

Residential faculty are expected to lead as well as befriend students

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Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Students eat at the Great Hall in Brooks Residential College Wednesday. The Honors College is changing to a similar residential platform to aid retention rates.

Study reveals 5 types of Christianity

Leadership Journal report shows 24 percent of Christians trending toward more private faith

By Shannon Daily
Reporter

The label "Christian" covers a wide range of actual practices, according to a recent survey by "Leadership Journal", an associate of *Christianity Today International*. Five different types of people with practices ranging from passionate and evangelical to the most minimal of spiritual experiences make up what the survey considers the five types of Christians.

These different types include active, professing, liturgical, private and cultural Christians.

Active Christians believe in salvation through Jesus Christ, and 79 percent of people within this group feel obligated to share their faith.

Professing Christians also believe in salvation through Jesus Christ, but are less committed to being involved with their church or sharing their faith.

Liturgical Christians attend church more regularly and are more active within the church.

Cultural Christians show little religious behavior and believe there are many ways to get to God.

But the largest, and youngest, of these groups is the private group, which included 24 percent of people interviewed.

Private Christians exhibit a specific type of spiritual behavior: they believe in God and doing good things, they own a Bible but don't read it and they have a spiritual interest but not within a church context. Also, according to the survey, only one-third go to church, and almost none are church leaders.

There has been a movement toward "Lone Ranger Christianity" within younger generations, according to the article. This is a type of do-it-yourself Christianity that relies on spiritual books, podcasts, music and television shows, versus being part of a church community.

"People definitely might do that, doing Christianity on their own time, just to save time," Katy

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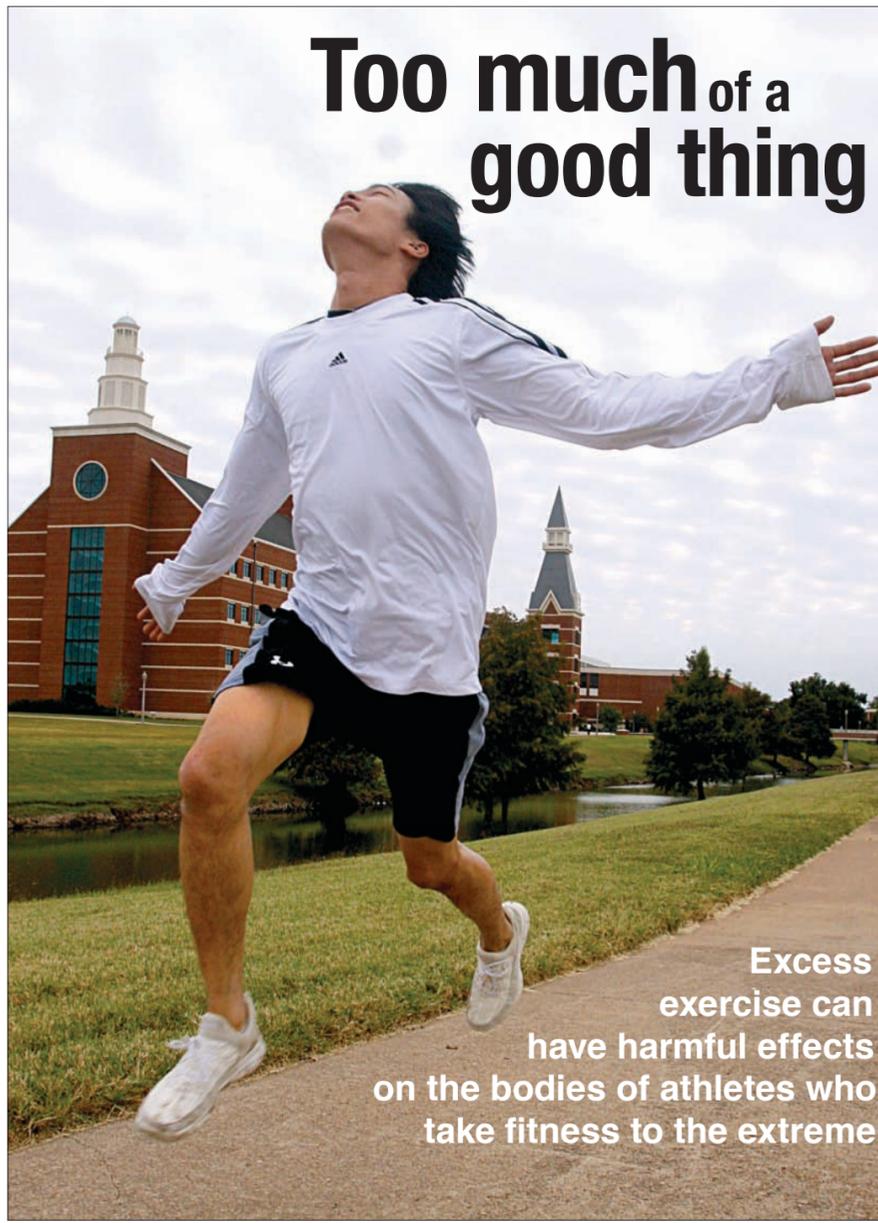


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"Everything you do to your body today will have lasting effects on your body when you are older."

Jonathan Canterbury
The Woodlands senior

By Kimi Willingham
Reporter

Sheer endurance occupies the mind of serious college athletes; however, some students take working out to an extreme state.

The American Heart Association lists numerous benefits that come along with working out including weight loss, increased blood circulation, management of high blood pressure, stress regulation, improved self-image and better sleep.

According to a poll conducted in 2006 the University of Phoenix, 51 percent of college students claim to workout at least three times a week and 25 percent say working out relieves stress from overloaded class schedules.

But what happens to those who take working out too seriously?

With every grind of his athletic shoes, The Woodlands senior Jonathan Canterbury runs with purpose. The rocks on the Bear Trail crunch beneath his feet. He does not grow tired but races onward with steel endurance.

Canterbury has been running since his junior year of high school. He said the ambition to get in shape and better handle stress in his life spurred him on to push his body to an extreme state.

However, Canterbury, like many other student-athletes, experienced the negative effects of pushing his body to the limit after training for a marathon in 2005.

After two months of an intense daily training schedule - running six to eight miles, an hour and a half of lifting weights, 30 minutes of swimming and 1,000 repetitions of jumping rope - Canterbury reached rock bottom.

He said he woke up one morning and his body would not function. He tried to work out but could not complete his normal routine. He said he felt abnormally sluggish.

"Basically my body just shut down as a means to protect itself," Canterbury said.

In addition to this scare, Canterbury said he has experienced numerous injuries from running too much and too often. Last year he tore his calf muscle and fractured his ankle.

He soon realized his body needed time to rest and heal, not just in the physical aspect, but in the emotional side as well.

"Everything you do to your body today will have lasting effects on your body when you are older," Canterbury said.

Van Davis, McLane Student Life Center fitness coordinator, recommends athletic individuals practice 30 to 45 minutes of physical exercise such as walking, jogging, biking, aerobics or weightlifting four to five days a week. She said that more than 45 minutes of exercise a day can be potentially hazardous to a non-athletic individual.

Davis said overexercising over an extended

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Disaster plan prepares campus for emergency

By Amanda Allen
Reporter

If some kind of natural disaster, bomb threat or school shooting occurred on campus tomorrow, would Baylor be prepared?

In spring 2006, the risk management department produced a 107-page document providing thorough answers to different disaster situations.

Risk Management oversees Baylor's exposure to loss, which encompasses a variety of areas: finance, human resources and loss of income.

"We try to keep the university from suffering any loss due to damage of buildings, property, people and the reputation of the university," said Warren Ricks, assistant vice president and chief risk management officer.

The plan doesn't prevent a crisis from occurring, but it provides a process to manage crisis once it has occurred.

The process consists of establishing three different teams: the crisis management team, which is made up of executive staff; the incident support team, made up of faculty and staff from different areas of campus; and the emergency response team, a flexible group that could, for example, respond directly to the scene of a residence hall fire.

The emergency response team is made up of a representative of Facility Services, a representative of Campus Living and Learning and others, such as the fire marshal from Risk Management.

The first team ever formed was in response to Hurricane Rita and Katrina in the fall of 2005. "We thought Rita was going to hit Waco,

and we had to pull a group together to figure out what to do," Ricks said.

Ricks started drafting the risk management plan in 2005, and since then, teams have participated in two risk management disaster drills.

Besides disaster drills, crisis teams can learn from other real crises that have happened, such as the Virginia Tech University massacre in April 2007 when 32 people were killed.

"You continue to develop your plan to accommodate all different areas and lessons you've learned," Ricks said.

Students may recall an emergency notification e-mail that was sent out last month. One year ago, Baylor selected Connect-ED, a fast multimodal communication service, to deliver time-sensitive notifications to students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency.

Baylor recently fully implemented the service to enable Risk Management to contact faculty, staff and students via e-mail and voicemail to their cell, office and home phones. This way campus leaders and security professionals have the ability to reach all students within minutes through phone calls, e-mails and text messages and provide them with information and updates during unforeseen events or emergencies.

The e-mail students received last month informed them they can now note their cell phone numbers on BearWeb, which would be helpful in sending a mass text message during a crisis. The Risk Management Web site illustrates the process students use to submit their cell phone numbers and includes frequently asked

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Libertarians are menace to society, democracy

It seems that calling yourself a libertarian is the chic thing to do in college these days. If students are frustrated with both parties, they often say, "Oh, I'm a libertarian."

On the surface, modern libertarianism does seem enticing — it's either "the stay out of my bedroom and don't pass laws against what I want to smoke" or the whole "capitalism is god" thing that seems to grab students' attention.

It's understandable. What's more enticing than sexual freedom, reefer madness and lots of money? Hey, throw in unlimited nap time and I'm on board.

I'm not trying to marginalize libertarians, though. They did that to themselves a while ago. But those pesky, politically

inept creatures seem to be making a comeback.

Take, for example, the Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul. Paul is an outright libertarian, having run on the Libertarian Party ticket in 1988.

He has generated a bit of buzz on the Internet and managed to pull in \$4.2 million in fundraising Monday with his "This November 5th" campaign. It was the largest fundraising record of all the Republicans in the race for one day.

Don't let that fool you, though. Paul is lagging far behind in the polls, and his record speaks more about the poor field of candidates than anything. Paul even had some supporters holding signs Monday out on the corner of Valley Mills and Waco

point of view

BY BRAD BRIGGS



drives. That still doesn't change the fact that Paul is a nutcase, however.

For starters, Paul has gone on record as advocating an end to the federal income tax. Sounds great on paper, but stop and think about all the basic government services you would lose.

No worries for Paul, though, because he is also for abolishing the Department of Education, the Internal Revenue Service, Federal Emergency Management

Administration, the Department of Homeland Security and the Interstate Commerce Commission. Basically, if you hate the government, then Paul is your man.

Paul also opposes the Federal Reserve and advocates a return to hard money (gold standard) or authorizing gold and silver as legal tender to compete with our current fiat currency. He also advocates withdrawal from the United Nations and NATO and for workers to opt out of Social Security.

He votes against most spending bills and pretty much anything else not expressly mentioned in the Constitution. This attitude is unproductive at best and downright destructive at worst.

The point is, libertarians are unrealistic people.

They come in all shapes and sizes. Technically, they can lean right or left, but the true libertarian falls within no specific party at all.

But really they are unreasonable people and are usually just lazy closet liberals or conservatives. But I'm just talking about the diehards here — they can be really annoying.

After all, if you believe in democracy, you have a little libertarian inside of you, too — we all do.

Modern libertarians are descended from classical liberalism. In the classical definition of the word, most of us are "liberals" — we believe in limited government, free markets and

individual rights among other things.

Both parties today simply put more of an emphasis on either the individual or the economic side of things. But libertarians try to have it both ways, and it doesn't always work. They are just extremist pessimists and should be considered a menace.

You might think I'm picking on Paul. That's because I am.

People like him have no concept of community. They say the "invisible hand" can solve everything, but deep down inside, think they're just selfish.

If you consider yourself a libertarian or know a libertarian, you should seek immediate professional help.

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Editorial

Show some support for BU hoops

Fall is in the air, and as the weather starts to get colder here at Baylor, our thoughts quickly turn from the gridiron to the hardwood.

After yet another disappointing football season winds down, who wouldn't?

After Saturday's embarrassing loss to Texas Tech, Baylor can kiss visions of bowl games goodbye for another year.

But Baylor fans can take hope — basketball season is just getting under way.

Where the mark of prestige has eluded our football program for, oh, say 15 years now, fans have a lot to be excited about this basketball season.

Hopefully Baylor students will take advantage of the opportunity to go see both the men's and women's teams — both teams' prospects are looking pretty good and are sure to provide plenty of entertainment as the season gets into full swing.

Expectations are high heading into the season for the Lady Bears. Such has become the norm in head coach Kim Mulkey's tenure. She has endeared herself to fans and established a winning tradition at Baylor with a 183-53 (.775) record.

Fresh off her induction into the Baylor University Athletic Hall of Fame and the release of her new book, *Won't Back Down*, Mulkey looks poised to lead the Lady Bears into another season of powerhouse basketball.

Senior guard Angela Tisdale is looking to take the reins of leadership for the Lady Bears this season with the departure of Bernice Mosby to the WNBA and seems to be up to the challenge.

The team is ranked at No. 15 in the Preseason AP and Coaches polls, indicating that the Lady Bears are getting some love on the national stage.



Let's show the team some love at home by packing the house at the Ferrell Center.

Fans of the diehard variety should look into joining Mulkey's Mob. You get priority seating at the games and can show your spirit by being the core of Baylor pride at home games.

And while we're at it, it wouldn't hurt to take the Baylor spirit on the road once in a while to support the team either.

It would make for a good roadtrip before finals, if anything.

As for the men, head coach Scott Drew will be leading a maturing Baylor squad into the season.

The roster is stocked with talent. Senior guard Aaron Bruce will continue to lead the team of younger play-

ers and provides valuable leadership. Junior guard Curtis Jerrells is poised to break out into stardom this season after leading the Bears in scoring the past two seasons and has the potential to be special.

Sophomore guard Tweety Carter looks to come off of an impressive freshman campaign where he assumed the role of starter after 19 games. Junior forward Kevin Rogers will bring a great amount of athleticism to the team as he takes further strides after much improvement last season.

Fans should also be curious to see the highly touted freshman guard LaceDarius Dunn fight for playing time. Dunn is the highest-rated recruit in Baylor's history and is a continu-

ation of the high-quality of recruits that Drew has been able to attract to Baylor.

Drew has loaded the squad with all of his own players, and this will be a make or break season for the Bears. After what the program has been through, it's quite remarkable to see the turnaround the men's team has undergone. It's officially no longer in rebuilding mode for the men's basketball program, and fans are expecting results.

We think both teams will deliver plenty of excitement for students this season. But in order to get results, we should all come out and show our support. You can never underestimate the impact of a home crowd and the advantage it brings to a team.

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Spygate scandal shouldn't spoil prospect of Pats' perfect season

An asterisk is appropriate for a lot of things. A complicated word in a novel, to indicate a division champion or even Barry Bonds' home run record. However, it's in no way appropriate for the Patriots going 16-0 this season.

Hall of Famer Don Shula thinks differently.

Shula coached the 1972 Miami Dolphins when they reached their perfect season. If I were him, I would try to think of every excuse in the world so my legacy wouldn't be beaten.

"The Spygate thing has

diminished what they've accomplished," Shula said in an interview with the *New York Daily News*. "You would hate to have that attached to your accomplishments. They've got it."

First of all, the "spygate" incident happened in their season opener against the New York Jets. In fact, they made the cameraman stop videotaping the sideline after the first half of the game.

I agree the New England Patriots organization cheated, but only for one half against the 1-8 New York Jets.

sports take

BY GARRETT TURNER



Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL took action. They confiscated the tape and destroyed it, fined head coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots and took a first-round draft pick away. This means for 15 straight halves, there should be no doubt

in anyone's mind the Patriots didn't cheat.

The Patriots are winning by an average of more than three touchdowns per game, not including their season opener against the New York Jets. Belichick is proving to the world he doesn't need anything but his players and his amazing half-time adjustments to win.

The game last Sunday, where Peyton Manning showed off his amazing skills by not only throwing the ball to his own players but also to the Patriots, also helps in the Patriots' case

for their potential undefeated season to be asterisk-free.

The Indianapolis Colts played out of their mind for the first three quarters. The quickest defense in the league showcased its skills and running back Joseph Addai proved he was one of the best draft picks his team has ever made. Unfortunately in the National Football League, you must play four quarters.

The New England Patriots coming back in the fourth quarter and beating the Indianapolis Colts gives them the credibility they need. It helps everyone for-

get about that little cameraman who was getting too friendly with the Jets.

I mean seriously, he was probably bored watching Randy Moss catch everything in sight and started videotaping the Jets cheerleaders.

The Patriots' 24-20 victory over the Colts proves there isn't a better team in the National Football League, and putting an asterisk in front of their record would be a mistake.

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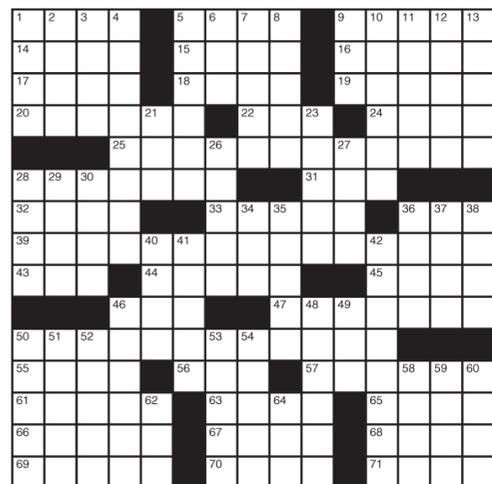
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Facebook to advertise using member profiles

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

When Facebook users log on to their profiles now, they will no longer be greeted by only the news feed, status updates and friend requests. Facebook revealed plans Tuesday to allow advertisers to target specific users based on their profile information.

Advertisers are jumping on the opportunity to boost revenue by basing ads on users' hobbies and activities, hoping these targeted ads will increase interest and willingness to buy.

Facebook will even be able to use the online activity of a user's friend to choose which

ads to bombard that particular user with, working on the premise that using a person's friend to influence him or her to buy a product is an effective way to spark business.

The site is shifting, slowly but surely, from simply a way to keep in touch with friends to a business venue by allowing companies to create Facebook profiles and pitch ads to users who line up with their product or business.

Considering the negative responses from some Facebook members about the news feed feature, which allows users to track virtually every change made to their friends' profiles, users may see this as an infringement on their privacy as well.

"It's an intuitive marketing strategy," Fredericksburg freshman Katy Johnson said. "But Facebook could be taking it too far. People like Facebook because they think it has more of a private feel than other online communities."

But some Facebook users see potential in these targeted ads to create a more personalized atmosphere, not an invasive one.

"The ads seem more helpful since there is information about what you are actually interested in," Houston freshman Elliot

Allums said. "I don't see it as an invasion of privacy but as a way of making it more personal in a good way. Besides, you don't have to participate in what the ads are showing you in any way."

From a business standpoint, personalized advertisements are a way to boost revenue. "Facebook isn't completely free so you have to expect some ads," said Dr. Kirk Wakefield, chairman of the marketing department. "You don't get this for free, which means you have

to pay the price. Plus, Web sites like Amazon that remember who you are when you sign in make shopping easier. These ads could have that effect as well."

Another component of the new advertising mechanism involves the displaying of a user's picture as a part of a "social ad" on a company's site if the user has recently engaged in any kind of transaction. These advertisers' pitches will appear to the user's friends when they look into buying products.

Wakefield said the biggest issue is not privacy but whether people realize if they've already agreed to this new feature. "It seems like people forget that anyone can look at the stuff they put online when they give all of their

personal information," Wakefield said. "But users should be able to opt-in to things like this. There may be something in the statement that users must agree to before they become members that involves this issue. So if there was, then Facebook has every right to do this."

Facebook described the changes in a blog posting but did not feature the announcement noticeably. However, Facebook did take into account the matter of privacy by not allowing advertisers who create profiles to access users' profiles as if they were friends. Also, no information will be disclosed to these advertisers that could be used to track down an individual.

Televangelist stands behind Giuliani

By Libbt Quaid
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Televangelist Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition, endorsed Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani on Wednesday.

"It is my pleasure to announce my support for America's Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, a proven leader who is not afraid of what lies ahead and who will cast a hopeful vision for all Americans," Robertson said during a news conference with Giuliani in Washington.

The former New York mayor backs abortion rights and gay rights, positions that put him in conflict with conservative GOP orthodoxy, and has been trying to persuade evangelical conservatives like Robertson to overlook their differences on those issues.

Evangelicals have split in their support for the leading Republican candidates.

Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, a favorite of Christian conservatives who dropped out of the race last month, endorsed fellow Sen. John McCain of Arizona on Wednesday.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney recently announced that Paul Weyrich and Bob Jones III were on board with his candidacy.

Asked about the Robertson endorsement, McCain, at a news conference with Brownback in Dubuque, Iowa, said: "Every once in a while, I'm left speechless. This is one of those times."

Giuliani is best known to voters for leading New York in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Shortly after 9/11, Robertson released a statement in which he said the attacks occurred because Americans had insulted God and lost the protection of heaven by allowing abortion and "rampant Internet pornography."

Robertson made no mention of his differences with Giuliani on social issues in Wednesday's statement.

"Rudy Giuliani took a city that was in decline



Associated Press

Pat Robertson endorses Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani Wednesday, during a news conference in Washington.

and considered ungovernable and reduced its violent crime, revitalized its core, dramatically lowered its taxes, cut through a welter of bureaucratic regulations, and did so in the spirit of bipartisanship which is so urgently needed in Washington today," Robertson said.

Robertson, who unsuccessfully ran for president in 1988, founded the Christian Broadcasting Network, the Christian Coalition and Regent University in Virginia Beach.

Also Wednesday, Giuliani said he asked two GOP friends in Congress, Reps. Peter King of New York and Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, to introduce bills to keep states from giving licenses or similar identification to illegal immigrants.

The Democratic front-runner, Hillary Clinton, was criticized after a televised debate last week when she hedged an answer on whether she supported New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's effort to grant licenses to illegal immigrants.

Her aides say she generally supports the idea in the absence of comprehensive immigration reform.

Parents may hinder students' development, study says

Kathleen Williams
Reporter

Propellers buzzing, blades spinning and wind whipping. Helicopters are in the air — helicopter parents, that is.

The 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement takes a closer look at the relationship between college students and their parents. The study illustrated the growth of over involved parents, or helicopter parents.

Through surveying more than 9,000 college students at 24 colleges and universities, the study examined how much communication college students have with their parents.

The study showed the benefits when parents, relatives and friends offer advice and support to college students.

On the other hand, too much contact with family members can prohibit college students from learning and developing, the study said.

Robert M. Gonyea, associate director of the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research, attributed the presence of helicopter parents to a number of causes.

Gonyea said college students are talking to their parents more because of "the increased ease in communication."

Gonyea noted the rising cost of college tuition as motivation for parents to become more actively involved in their children's lives at school.

"There's also a new approach to raising children that emerged with baby boomers," he said.

While the survey reported that

students with involved parents showed higher levels of engagement, they also had significantly lower grades.

Gonyea pointed out, however, that there's a difference between causality and correlation.

"What we're talking about is correlation. We're not making a claim that parents are causing their students' grades to be lower. It's probably the other way around, because these children are having trouble in academics or with a particular faculty member, the parents start to intervene more," Gonyea said. "We're starting to debunk the idea that helicopters are a bad thing."

The survey given to students included a section of questions about students' general interaction with their family and friends.

Results from the questionnaire showed seven out of 10 students communicated "very often" with at least one parent or guardian during the academic year. However, the study found that electronic media was more common than face-to-face communication.

The most popular member of the support network was found to be the student's mother, followed by father and siblings.

The data also suggested students were more likely to talk about personal issues, academic performance and family matters with their mothers, and academic

performance was the most common topic discussed with fathers.

Additionally, the study also indicated about three-quarters of students frequently followed the advice of their parents.

Bozeman, Mont., freshman Elizabeth Bishop said she talks to one of her parents almost every day, usually through phone calls and e-mails.

When asked how she felt about her parents intervening in academic matters on her behalf, Bishop said, "I wouldn't be OK with that. Now it's my responsibility to deal with the grades I get."

Bishop said she benefits from having a close relationship with her parents because they help her grow socially and academically.

Terre Haute, Ind., graduate student Bethany Bear teaches freshmen-level English courses.

She said she received formal instructions on what she's allowed to share with the parents of her students. Bear said the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act governs what she can tell parents. "We cannot discuss a student's grades with anyone but the student," Bear said.

Students must give permission, in person or in writing, if they wish for grades to be disclosed to their parents.

"The student has a complete right to privacy when it comes to grades," Bear said.

"What we're talking about is correlation. We're not making a claim that parents are causing their students' grades to be lower."

Robert M. Gonyea
Associate director of Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research

BEAR BRIEFS

BaylorBound interest meetings will be held at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. today in the Claypool Room in the Bill Daniel Student Center. Applications to be a BaylorBound leader are due Friday. Apply online at www.baylor.edu/baylorbound/apply.

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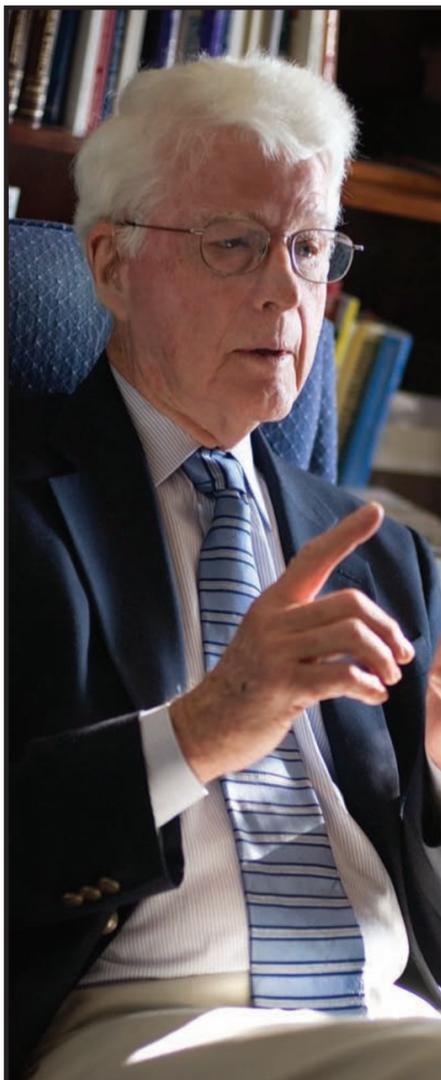
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Students may be unaware of dorm restrictions

By Caitlin Forehand
Reporter

Living in a residence hall at Baylor means following a number of rules regarding guests and visitation hours. But while most students are aware of the regulations for visitors of the opposite gender, there's a separate set of rules governing overnight guests that receives less attention.

According to Baylor's overnight guest policy, "guests may not stay longer than three nights per semester" and "are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence halls before the first class day, during finals or after the last class day of each semester."

The policy also states "residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests, whether overnight, from another hall

or from off campus; and they will be liable for any damages their guests may cause."

Dallas senior Hailey Hamilton said those rules are not always followed.

"I honestly did not know some of these rules when I was a freshman. I know some girls on my hall definitely broke them multiple times," she said.

These rules can sometimes be easy to break because students don't have to tell anyone that they have a guest.

"We do not require official notification of guests, but often residents will request a roll-away cot for their guest to use," Penland Hall Director Peter Smart said.

One rule that most students are aware of is that guests of the opposite gender are never allowed to spend the night in a residence hall.

If a student is caught breaking any of these rules, the consequences could be serious.

"If a resident was violating the policy, the hall director would investigate the situation by meeting with the individual who was in violation," said Terri Garrett, director of Campus Living and Learning. "Guest privileges could be suspended indefinitely if necessary given the circumstances."

One issue that is frequently debated is visitation hours. Visitors of either gender are allowed in the lobby of residence halls any time, but once a guest steps foot in the hallway he or she better check their watch.

Visitation hours for residence halls are 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 1 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. In on-campus apartments the visitation hours 10

a.m. to 2 a.m. every day.

Some students said they thought these hours are unfair and should be changed, but when compared to visitation hours in the past, these are lenient. The visitation hours from 1988 until 2001 were 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays for freshmen and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays for upperclassmen. There were no visitation hours during the week for undergrads.

These hours weren't changed until 2002 when Student Congress passed a bill to change these outdated rules. "The rules on visiting hours have changed every year since I've been at Baylor," Hamilton said. "The hours get a little later every year and I think Baylor understands now that only allowing guests in dorms on weekends was an unreasonable rule."



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Houston juniors Tyler Walker and Andrew Gladney, watch YouTube, while Houston senior Cory McDonough sits looking on Wednesday in an apartment in North Village. Even same sex visitors have some restrictions according to Baylor's guest policy.

Stocks fall sharply as concerns grow

By Tim Paradis
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street suffered its second big drop in a week Wednesday, with investors worried about spreading fallout from the credit crisis at banks and about a dollar that just keeps getting weaker. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 360 points — just about matching its pullback of last Thursday.

A passel of worries tormented investors, including comments by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo about conflicts of interest in the mortgage industry that exacerbated declines among bank stocks.

Meanwhile, the dollar swooned amid speculation that China will seek to diversify some of its foreign currency stockpiles beyond the greenback and General Motors Corp. further dampened sentiment by posting a record loss tied to an accounting adjustment.

Oil hit a record, rising above \$98 per barrel before retreating, and gold pushed higher, moves exacerbated by an anemic dollar.

The fear with a huge drop like Wednesday's is whether it is part not just of a correction, which is a 10 percent pullback in stock prices, but that it could be the beginning of a bear market. With the huge volatility that

has swept Wall Street since the summer, and triple-digit moves in the Dow becoming commonplace, no one can be sure.

Still, the concern on the Street is that the extent of the fallout from the credit market crisis that has led to billions of dollars in losses for major banks and investment firms is not yet known.

With Citigroup Inc. announcing Sunday it needed to take an additional \$8 billion to \$11 billion in writedowns, investors are very uneasy not just about stocks, but the economy as a whole.

"The financials are the bodyguards of the market and when the bodyguards are taking shots

then the market can't do well," said David Darst, chief investment strategist for Morgan Stanley's global wealth management group.

"A lot of the bad stuff is known; what the markets are worrying about is the unknown," Darst said.

The Dow fell 360.92, or 2.64 percent, to 13,300.02. The Dow, which had gained 117 points on Tuesday, had fallen 362.14 last Thursday, reflecting the extreme fractiousness on Wall Street these days.

It was the third time in a month the blue chip index has dropped by more than 350 points, and leaves the Dow up 6.71 percent for the year.

Bush tells Pakistan's president to step down

By Deb Riechmann
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, personally intervening in the political crisis in Pakistan, told President Pervez Musharraf on Wednesday he must hold parliamentary elections soon and step down as army leader.

"You can't be the president and the head of the military at the same time," Bush said, describing a 20-minute telephone call with Musharraf. "I had a very frank discussion with him."

It was Bush's first contact with Musharraf since he declared emergency rule on Saturday and granted sweeping powers to authorities to crush political dissent. Bush revealed the call to Musharraf during an appearance with the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy, at George Washington's home in Mount Vernon, Va.

For several days, the White House has faced questions about

why Bush was taking a relatively soft line on the crackdown and had not spoken directly to Musharraf, whom Bush called a friend he trusts.

"My message was that we believe strongly in elections and that you ought to have elections soon and you need to take off your uniform," Bush said.

Sarkozy agreed with Bush on the need "to have elections as quickly as possible" in Pakistan.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Bush placed the phone call from the Oval Office around 10:15 a.m.

"President Musharraf listened carefully and heard what the president had to say," Perino said.

The Bush administration has



Musharraf

been careful not to go too far in rebuking a terrorism-fighting ally. By contrast, the U.S. took a hard line when Myanmar's military rulers cracked down on pro-democracy protesters in September.

"There is a difference," Bush said. "Pakistan has been on the path to democracy. Burma hasn't been on the path to democracy. It requires different tactics to achieve the common objective."

On Capitol Hill, Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte called Musharraf an "indispensable" ally in the U.S.-led fight against terrorism and said that "partnership with Pakistan and its people is the only option."

"No country has done more in terms of inflicting damage and punishment on the Taliban and the al-Qaida since 9-11," Negroponte said. "Their record is quite impressive."

Negroponte also told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that administration officials "strongly disagree" with Musharraf's moves against his politi-

cal opponents and counseled Musharraf against emergency rule.

The administration is reviewing its aid to Pakistan. Musharraf has said his decisions to suspend the constitution and oust its top judge were necessary to prevent a takeover by Islamic extremists.

Negroponte said he is hoping the U.S. will not have to punish Pakistan.

"I think that the longer the situation goes on in its present form, the more difficult it's going to become," he said. "That's why we believe this state of emergency end absolutely as soon as possible."

Many lawmakers are skeptical. They say the U.S. should be more serious about penalizing Pakistan and that Musharraf should not be so readily praised.

"Our foreign policy should not be faith-based," said Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., who heads the subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia.

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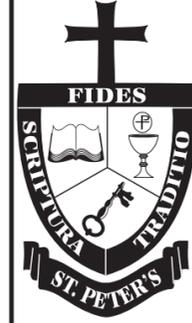
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amount of time could cause serious physical strain on the body.

Davis said some consequences of excessive exercise are damaged tendons, ligaments, bones, cartilage and joints.

It may also cause dehydration, stress fracture, osteoporosis, amenorrhea, insomnia, fatigue and decrease in performance.

Davis said that when minor injuries aren't allowed to heal, they often result in long-term damage.

"Instead of building muscle, too much exercise actually destroys muscle mass, especially if the body isn't getting enough nutrition, forcing it to break down muscle for energy," Davis said.

When doing any type of physical activities Davis provides a list of safety standards.

Davis said it is important to know your current fitness level, start off at a comfortable pace and increase gradually, warm up and stretch properly before any type of workout, add variety by means of alternate physical exercises, allow at least one to two days of rest and receive seven to eight hours of sleep each night.

David Morphew, Wylie senior, said he has experienced negative side effects from too much caffeine and excessive exercise. He suggests that this unhealthy

combination is a common problem for a lot of college students.

He said he experienced feelings such as being sluggish, irritated, apathetic and unhappy due to the combination.

"You can get away with it for a while, but if you keep doing it and do not give your body adequate time to recuperate, you can overtax your body," Morphew said.

Familydoctor.org suggests that a typical person exercise no more than 60 minutes five days a week.

It suggests spending five to 10 minutes stretching before beginning a high-intensity workout.

This Web site also highlights the importance of paying attention to the signs one's body gives off.

For instance, if one is feeling fatigued, extreme pain, breathlessness or nausea, the workout should immediately be ceased.

The American Heart Association and the American College of Sports Medicine provide basic requirements for a healthy lifestyle.

They note that in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, those between the ages of 18 to 65 need "moderate-intensity aerobic (endurance) physical activity for a minimum of 30 min on five days each week or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity for a minimum of 20 min on three days each week."

Taylor Williams, Denver

senior, is a church recreation major.

He believes the reason most college students place so much emphasis on exercise is to maintain a state of perfection.

He suggests that this generation is being raised by the illusive perception of Hollywood.

"Our generation has a skewed view of perfection. No matter how much we say that the movie star physique is normal, it is not normal. This is continually the goal that people want to attain," Williams said.

Lauren Muirhead, Wichita Falls senior and psychology major, testifies to Williams' statement.

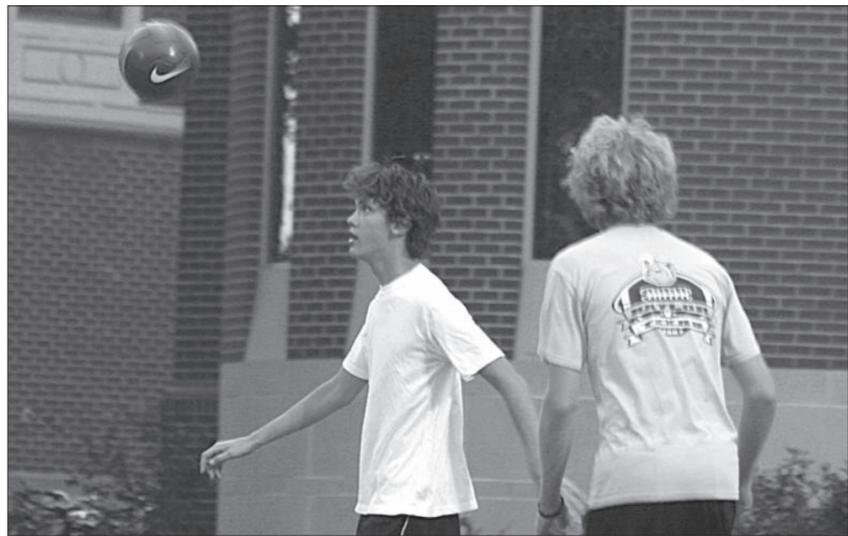
She believes that society is infused with body image problems and social pressures.

She has learned in class that these conditions are "outward expressions of an inward condition."

In one of Muirhead's classes, students were given a diagram that outlined eight diverse female body sizes. In reality, the outline of the fifth body size is what a normal woman should look like.

However, when this question was asked to normal women, they thought their bodies should be either outline three or four.

"Our body is delicate and should be treated with care. Our quality of life depends on our health and well-being. Balance is the key when it comes to healthy living," Davis said.



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

Eye on the ball

Sugar Land freshman Travis Dacus, kicks a soccer ball around with Houston freshman Tucker Shields Wednesday outside of Brooks Village.

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senior Courtney Pope said.

Pope referenced Acts 2:42 and the value of fellowship and being with a group of people. She said she didn't think it was a good idea to replace community with personal religion.

Assistant professor of religion Jonathan Tran believes this development is a part of a larger change within American society.

Through the onslaught of the Enlightenment, democracy and capitalism, "faith becomes less about the church," he said.

Christianity became more and more about what the individual wants, Tran said.

"Christianity survived the

Which do you believe is more important, maintaining a relationship with other Christians or maintaining a relationship with God and why?



"Which is eternal? Primary is your relationship with God. Secondary is your relationship with other Christians. One without the other doesn't work."

Robert Scott Ennis freshman

Enlightenment by making Christianity acceptable to the masses."

Tran said it became "another consumer choice in the vast marketplace of capitalism."

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in residential communities, causing a higher level of mentor-type involvement. Shushok said he thinks this is the most notable difference between the living-learning and residential college formats.

Murray already fulfills many duties of a faculty headmaster.

"To cite but one example, this semester my freshman seminar on Platonism and Poetry, 12th through 15th centuries, meets in the living room of my faculty in residence apartment.

Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon, we squeeze in, brew a few pots of tea and discuss a challenging text," Murray said.

In addition to support for honors students and teas, the HC-LLC will continue to host common meals and lectures.

The shift into a residential college should not disrupt any students or require any major construction project.

However, after more than 70 years of use as a sorority meeting room, the Memorial Chapel located on the second floor will undergo a much-needed facelift. Murray and Shushok said

the renovations should be completed sometime next spring.

Support derived from fundraising efforts "to fund the restoration of this sacred and historic space," Murray said. Westcosville, Pa. junior Sam Chen said when finished, the chapel will offer prayer sessions twice daily. Chen is enthusiastic about the transition of the honors college. "For us to be able to be a residential college will help us as students grow socially, academically and spiritually," he said. "I'm 1,500 miles from my family, and the residential college gives me a chance to be part of the Baylor family."

But some students don't see the attraction of residential communities. Dallas junior Cheryl Anderson said residential colleges seem cliquish.

"They tend to be viewed as elitist. It's expensive to go to this college and to be in a residential college which attempts to mimic the practices of ivy-league schools," she said.

She also said the expenses of living on campus as opposed to off campus may deter some students from staying on campus or living in residential communities, especially ones paying for their own education.

Rockwell junior Ashley Rhodes said residential communities seem like a good idea but aren't right for her. She thinks part of the college experience is living off-campus with friends as an upperclassman.

Even so, Shushok and Murray have plenty of evidence from various sources to back up their support of residential colleges and living and learning centers.

Baylor conducted its own research, soliciting information from 152 students, some living in the engineering and computer science LLC in North Village and a proportionate number with other living arrangements.

According to the study, students engaged in the ESC-LLC were more than seven times more likely than non-LLC students to "meet informally or socially with a faculty member outside of class or faculty office," the study shows.

The students were also four times more likely to discuss academic issues with faculty members in a relaxed setting. ESC-LCC participants reported 14 times more favorable responses concerning living quarters as well.



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Symphony spices up concert with sultry Spanish style



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The Baylor Symphony Orchestra will perform Spanish and Hispanic-influenced music at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall.

By Kate Gronewald
Reporter

The Baylor Symphony Orchestra will present its program "Sultry Spanish Nights" at 7:30 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall, located in the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

Under the direction of Stephen Heyde, director of orchestral activities, orchestra members will perform seven numbers featuring Spanish and Latin-American composers.

"Music has always been important in the Spanish world, and there have been many important composers both from Spain and from the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking cultures in Latin and South America," Heyde said. "We honor that tradition tonight."

The Spanish and Portuguese division of the modern foreign languages department collaborated with the orchestra to plan the concert.

"This is the first time that Baylor has put on a concert which focuses closely on Span-

ish and Hispanic composers or music which finds its inspiration in traditional Spanish music," said Dr. Paul Larson, director of undergraduate studies in Spanish.

Program notes will be available in both English and Spanish.

Larson, who translated the program notes with colleagues and students, will introduce tonight's concert.

Guest conductor Jiang Liu, director of orchestral studies at the University of Dayton, will conduct the orchestra in two dances from Spanish composer Joaquín Turina's "Danzas Fantásticas."

While on campus, Liu will also work with graduate conducting students.

One of these students, graduate conductor Stephen Carver, will conduct the last two numbers of the evening, "Ritual Fire Dance" by Manuel de Falla, a Spanish composer, and "Malambo" by Argentinean Alberto Ginastera.

"This is going to be a won-

derful cross-cultural experience," Carver said. "There are really a lot of features in those pieces from different countries that are very particular to their cultures."

Carver said "Sensemaya," the opening number by Mexican composer Silvestre Revueltas, has a pulsating rhythmic energy that's unique to that region.

Rio de Janeiro graduate student Guilherme Almeida will be the piano soloist in de Falla's "Nights in the Gardens of Spain."

Almeida said he sees aspects of his native Brazilian culture's Spanish and Portuguese roots in tonight's musical selections.

"The pieces are very rhythmic, vivid and bold, but are very lyrical at the same time," Almeida said. "That culture can be both strong and rhythmic, but also poetic."

Houston sophomore and double-bass player Anson Jablinski applauded Heyde for frequently bringing in pieces that are outside the usual musical selection.

He said it keeps things innovative and interesting.

"I think it's definitely possible to have a good orchestra program that always plays things from the standard repertoire," Jablinski said. "But it's really a wonderful experience when we get to play something different with new music."

The orchestra's 115 members will also perform Maurice Ravel's "Bolero."

The symphony members are from more than two dozen states and several foreign countries, according to the program's Web site.

Larson said tonight's concert honoring the artistic traditions of the Spanish and Hispanic culture is a daring and dynamic program of music that most people in Texas have never heard.

"An opportunity such as this one is unique, and the possibility of experiencing an all-Spanish concert might not come around again anytime soon," Larson said.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Redford says 'Lions for Lambs' isn't just war film

By Rick Bentley
McClatchy Newspapers

SAN FRANCISCO — Actor and political activist Robert Redford has been involved with movies such as *All the President's Men*, *The Candidate* and *Three Days of the Condor*, which were driven by strong political messages.

Now he's on the road to talk about his new film, *Lions for Lambs*, which represents Redford's passion for politics. He directed the movie and co-stars with Tom Cruise and Meryl Streep.

The film looks at America's current war efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. But instead of focusing on the gunbattles and big special effects, the movie is about today's politics and how they mirror the past.

It has lots of dialogue. Cruise plays a Republican senator, Streep a cable news reporter and Redford a college professor.

Lions for Lambs reflects Redford's belief that the American people are being failed by the educational system, politicians and media more interested in small matters such as a celebrity's rehabilitation stay than in bigger, important matters such as the war.

The film deals with the current conflict, but Redford doesn't want *Lions for Lambs* to be lumped in with other recent productions about the war, such as *Rendition*, *The Kingdom* or *Home of the Brave*.

"First of all, if it had just been about the Iraq war, I wouldn't have been as interested in it as other projects I am developing. I knew there would be a lot of films and documentaries about the Iraq war. That is a subject that is well covered," Redford said.

"It is far more interesting for me to do a film that involves education, the media and politics and the military by having these individual stories."

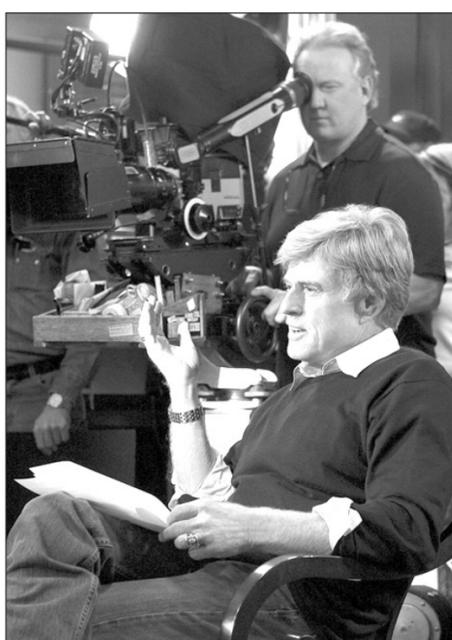
Redford pauses for a moment, sits back in his chair and rubs his hand across the face that made him a marquee giant for so many decades.

His face shows every detail of his 71 years of life. But his powder-blue eyes have as much sparkle as the first time filmgoers saw him on the big screen in the 1965 film *Inside Daisy Clover*.

What caught Redford's eye was that *Lions for Lambs* puts education, politics and the media under a blinding light.

The idea of the film is to dig into these issues to find why such conditions continue to emerge at different times in history.

"If you think about certain events in my lifetime — McCarthy, Watergate, Iran-Contra, this war



McClatchy Newspapers

Robert Redford stars in and directs MGM's political drama, *Lions for Lambs*, which opens Friday.

— if you look underneath it, it is always the same sensibility that creates these conditions. Look at Nixon and his henchmen and what they did in Cambodia. Look at these guys and their henchmen; it is the same," Redford said.

Redford has some personal experience with President Nixon, who almost single-handedly stalled Redford's interest in politics before it started.

In 1950, Nixon was running for the U.S. Senate in California, which he won that year, and was at a Boys' Week event being held in Southern California. Redford, who is a Santa Monica native, was there to receive a sports award. Nixon gave him the award.

"He shook my hand," Redford said. He rubs his hand across the sleeve of his blue shirt as if still trying to wipe away remnants of that meeting. "I was 13 and couldn't care less about politics ... But he (Nixon) was the creepiest, most artificial guy I had ever met. That stuck in my head."

Redford is certain he'll be hammered by some people in politics and the media because of *Lions for Lambs*.

He has heard that a conversation on Fox News Channel had led to the question "What's the problem with Redford?"

"My problem is that I love this country," Redford said. "I accept the fact that there will be some controversy. The sad thing is that some of the controversy will be biased because our country is so polarized right now, it is horrible. Therefore, there will be those people out there who mischaracterize the film. If you miss the point, it would be easy to say this is a left-wing story."

Jay-Z steps up his game for soulful psuedo-soundtrack

By Heather Sheppard
Contributor

Jay-Z's last album, *Kingdom Come*, was supposed to be just that — his last album. But this music and business mogul has once again come out of retirement to release *American Gangster*, the unofficial soundtrack to the film of the same title starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

After seeing an advanced screening of the film in late August, Jay-Z managed to put together this creative concept album in only two weeks.

American Gangster, the album, chronicles the life of a young man on the streets of Brooklyn. Each song represents a different phase in the main character's life.

American Gangster is daring and eclectic. It seamlessly mixes upbeat, serious and smooth tracks all in one album.

Jay-Z doesn't do all this by himself of course; he gets help from Kanye West, Pharrell, Nas, Lil Wayne, his girlfriend Beyonce and more.

The "story" begins with "American Dreamin'," which beautifully samples Marvin Gaye's "Soon I'll Be Loving You Again." The velvety sound of Gaye's voice and Jay-Z's aggressive lyrics complement each other well and make you feel as if you are experiencing the story first hand.

"I Know" featuring Pharrell and "Roc Boys" featuring Kanye West are at the peak of the album, where the character in the story has made it to the "rich life." The energy of these two songs truly conveys that the character has made it.

Not only does Jay-Z use the film as inspiration



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for the album, but he also uses events going on in his life such as his ongoing feud with radio personality Don Imus.

On the track "Ignorant S---", one of the best and probably most controversial songs on the album, Jay-Z confronts Imus with the lyrics, "Scarface the movie did more than Scarface the rapper to me," and, "Are you saying what I'm spitting is worse than these 'celebutantes' ... you kidding?" Jay-Z ends the song with, "It's only entertainment."

With *American Gangster*, Jay-Z takes the listener back to the soul-enriched music of the 1970s with blaring horns, throbbing bass lines and old-school sampling.

He infuses clips from the film into the music, making it seem as if you are involved in the movie itself.

A prime example of this achievement is with the song "Sweet," which has this Shaft-ish, '70s superhero vibe. "Say Hello" also incorporates that '70s sound with a dash of modern hip-hop.

American Gangster comes about a year after Jay-Z's last album, *Kingdom Come*, which didn't do as well as expected of a Jay-Z album.

But Jay gets back to his roots with this album with more aggressive lyrics and a more soulful '70s sound reminiscent of his 2002 hit album, *The Blackprint*.

As compared to his last effort, *American Gangster* is much better, tighter and more of what Jay-Z fans are used to.

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BU front and center for evolution of quarterback

Baylor will face two talented passers to finish the season

By **Brian Bateman**
Sports writer

Eleven years ago, the final whistle blew on Tom Osbourne's option-based offense.

The years of watching the University of Nebraska's wing-backs, second tight-ends and even fullbacks run soon faded into slot receivers, shotgun sets and empty backfields.

But the one thing that hasn't changed throughout football's evolution is the importance of the quarterback.

Styles and abilities vary, but Baylor still has to compete against them all.

High-caliber quarterbacks can be found throughout the Big 12, and in varying types.

The pocket passers at the University of Missouri, the University of Oklahoma and Texas Tech University tally unbelievable numbers, while running quarterbacks like Texas A&M University's Stephen McGee can

cut their way through a defense on the ground.

Yet the dual-threat quarterback is the one keeping defensive coordinators up all night. Colt McCoy, Bobby Reid, Cody Hawkins and Josh Freeman can beat a defense both on the ground and through the air.

"(University of Kansas' Todd Reesing) was the toughest to defend against. He did what he had to do to get his team to win," senior linebacker Nick Moore said.

So what does a defense need to prepare for each type of quarterback?

"Awareness," Moore said. "You've got to know when they're gonna throw the ball and when they're going to run with it."

Last week, Baylor's defense barely touched the Red Raiders' Graham Harrell, letting him add 433 passing yards to his yearly total.

The offensive line's wide splits and zone-blocking kept Baylor's defenders far from Harrell.

This week's opponent features more of the same.

Freshman Sam Bradford is mobile, but the Sooners limit

his movement to decrease turnovers.

With 2,156 passing yards, 25 touchdowns and only five interceptions, the Bears have a tall order keeping him under control. But where Texas Tech's line blocks by assignment, the Sooners block with power. And with multiple tight ends contributing their blocking skills to one of the best offensive lines in the nation, penetration will be quite a chore for the Bears to accomplish.

"The difficult thing playing [pocket passers] is getting pressure on the quarterback," defensive coordinator Larry Hofer said. "(Bradford) is young but he is poised. He does not turn the ball over and he does a nice job of checking off."

While Bradford and Harrell are bombarding their opponents with aerial attacks, other players prefer simply driving through defenders.

A&M quarterback McGee is the Aggies' leading rusher, while Oklahoma State's Zac Robinson has 475 yards on the season.

So how do two completely different styles succeed in the

same league?

"It starts with the offensive line," said senior running back Brandon Whitaker, who has 39 catches for 305 yards and three touchdowns this year. "Great blocking gives a good quarterback all the time in the world to decide what to do with the ball."

And for Baylor, that's an encouraging sign.

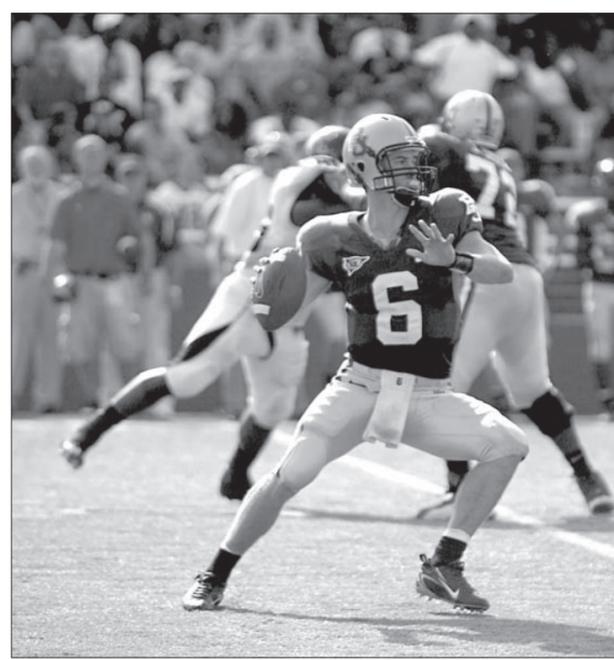
With an offensive line that gives up 1.6 sacks per game, a foundation is beginning to form for sophomore Blake Szymanski.

However, he may not be getting every snap in the next two weeks.

"Blake is still the guy, but it's that time of year when your younger guys start getting reps," offensive coordinator Lee Hays said.

Whoever shows up on the field will have to compete against two quarterbacks who are as different as their universities.

"They're both talented quarterbacks, but we'll see where they rank after we play them," Moore said.



File photo
Sophomore quarterback Blake Szymanski reels back to throw Saturday in the second quarter of Baylor's 38-7 loss to Texas Tech University. The Big 12 is loaded with talented passers, two of which are still on Baylor's schedule

Water ski team finds fun, fellowship through experiences

By **Kelli Boesel**
Reporter

The Baylor water ski team offers an opportunity for students to get out on the water and develop, or fine-tune, their skiing skills.

Austin senior Alex Wallace is the president of the club and in his fourth year on the team.

"It's for people willing to try and excited about the sport," Wallace said.

Practices aren't required so commitment is important, Wallace said.

"You get out of it what you put into it," he said.

Each year the team has try-outs the first few weeks of the

fall semester. This year, they are also holding try-outs in the spring because several members are graduating.

"It's a fun sport that brings people together," Wallace said.

The team has a boat and a private lake where they practice, allowing the team to go out whenever and hang out by the water with friends, he said.

Wallace said he joined the team freshman year with some competitive skiing experience.

"I grew up skiing, and when I found out (Baylor) had a team, I jumped to be a part of it," he said.

However, experience isn't required to be a part of the team.

"Some people come... to learn how to ski or wakeboard and we teach them how."

Stephanie Wanha
Woodstock, Ga. senior

Woodstock, Ga. senior Stephanie Wanha said several people come to try-outs with no experience.

"Some people come that don't have the time to be on the team to learn how to ski or wakeboard and we teach them how,"

she said.

Once the team is put together there are a variety of skills levels, she said.

Wanha said the water ski team is one of the most laid-back club teams Baylor offers.

The people on the team just want to ski and have fun, she said.

"It's important for people to know that there are organizations like the water ski team," Wanha said.

It's not the type of sport you have to have been doing for years, she said.

"When picking members, we ask ourselves, are we going to want to spend entire weekends with these people," Wanha said.

The team has three tournaments each semester, four if the team qualifies for nationals, Longview freshman Lake Littlejohn said.

Baylor is in the South Central Conference, which includes schools in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas that have water ski teams.

"We are in region with some of the top schools in the nation," Littlejohn said.

Each tournament consists of three events: slalom, jump and trick.

Littlejohn competed in slalom this semester, but said he hopes to compete in all three events.

Littlejohn said he found out

Baylor had a water ski team from the Web site.

"I looked online to see if they had a water ski team," he said. "I got in touch with some of the guys on the team the first week when they had the boat in front of the SUB."

Littlejohn said the team was an outlet to meet people and without the team he wouldn't have the opportunity to ski in Waco.

"It's something I like to do, so I want to get better at it," he said.

Practices continue throughout the rest of the semester and tournaments start again in the spring, including a tournament hosted by the team.

Williams' progress speaks volumes

By **Kristie Rieken**
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rare athleticism got Mario Williams through his first NFL season.

In year two, the top pick in last year's draft is learning the nuances of the game, how to work around schemes designed to slow him and moving closer to being the player Houston insisted he could be. Still, the defensive end knows he must do more for the Texans to be successful.

"I want to improve what's going on around here," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I've improved, but I've still got to get a lot better and be more productive."

Nine games into the season, Williams is just a half-sack away from matching his rookie total of 4 1/2, has 23 tackles and recovered a fumble for a touchdown. Coach Gary Kubiak has been impressed with him and said he's been the most consistent player on the defensive line.

"It's a combination of effort and I think his knowledge of the game ... is getting better," Kubiak said. "A lot of teams game-plan him, max protect on him. He's starting to understand what they're trying to do."

Williams started the season strong against Kansas City with two sacks, three hurries and a 38-yard fumble return. He's been solid since then, but hasn't had a repeat of that game-changing performance that earned him AFC defensive player of the week.

"I expect more out of myself," he said. "I need to have more two- or three-sack games."

As a rookie, Williams said he was so worried about making mistakes that he became "too mechanical." He's gotten over that problem.

"Things are easier for me because I'm a lot more comfortable and relaxed out there," he said. "I just understand the pro game so much more now."

Kubiak credits much of the



The Associated Press

Houston Texans defensive end Mario Williams (90) sacks Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Damon Huard Sept. 9 in Houston. Nine games into the season, Williams is just a half-sack away from matching his rookie total of 4 1/2.

improvement in 2007 to defensive line coach Jethro Franklin and senior defensive assistant Frank Bush, who are both in their first seasons in Houston.

The former North Carolina State star's time in Houston hasn't been easy. He was booed on draft day by fans who wanted the Texans to pick Reggie Bush or Vince Young and endured endless questions and criticism throughout his rookie year.

The Texans are off this week before hosting the Saints in the sure-to-be-hyped first meeting between Bush and Williams.

He doesn't like to talk about the draft drama and only mentions it in passing by referring to "all I went through last year." However, those around Williams have noticed a difference in the 22-year-old.

"Mario's got a new attitude about him in what he's doing, and I'm just very excited about the direction that he's heading," Kubiak said. "I think he's loving football and he's working really hard at being good and that's the key to his career."

Now that Williams has mastered the basics of Houston's defense, the Texans are able to experiment with how they use him. Against the Raiders on Sunday, he stood up for a handful of plays, drawing rave reviews.

"He was very quick off the ball in some of those situations," Kubiak said. "If it's something he feels good about and it will help his game, then we'll do more of it."

Changing his stance might not seem like a big deal, but for

a player of his size (6-foot-7, 291 pounds) it is rare or "not normal," as Williams called it.

"I like to stand up actually," he said. "I feel a little bit better when I'm standing rather than down in my three-point stance. I can see the field a little better and it's easier to see the play develop."

Another factor in Williams' growth has been the play of rookie defensive tackle Amobi Okoye.

Although inconsistent, the rookie's five sacks have established him as an interior rushing threat and helped take pressure off Williams.

Despite Houston's 4-5 start, Williams is optimistic about the possibility for a winning record, which would be a first for the young franchise.

"We've got a lot of football left and the biggest thing I want to do is help this team into the playoffs," he said. "That's something that has never even been talked about around here."

That's an encouraging sentiment from a player whose development will likely dictate how quickly the Texans can become contenders.

"We continue to try to get more out of him," Kubiak said. "I think for our football team to reach another level of play, he's got to continue to find another gear. Is his gear good now?"

"Yeah, it's pretty darn good, but we need Mario to become a great, great player — a Pro Bowl player for a long, long time for our organization. So we're going to keep pushing him."

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Women's roster

Projected starting line-up



Name: Rachel Allison
Height: 6' 1"
Position: Forward
Class: Junior
Hometown: Jonesboro, Ark.

Allison gained valuable experience over the summer when she represented the United States during the William Jones Cup. Mulkey has commended Allison's gritty playing style time and time again over the last two years. What she lacks on offense she makes up for with tremendous defensive presence.

Name: Danielle Wilson
Height: 6' 3"
Position: Forward
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Bay Shore, N.Y.



Wilson

After being named to the Big 12 All-Freshman team last season, Danielle Wilson looks to build off a fabulous freshman season in which she averaged 8.4 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. Wilson's success in the paint is vital as her massive wingspan continually confounds opposing offenses.



Name: Jessica Morrow
Height: Guard/Forward
Position: 6' 0"
Class: Junior
Hometown: Humble

Jessica Morrow's ball handling skills and solid perimeter shooting make the Humble 6-footer versatile as a guard or forward. Morrow has already proven her ability to step up in big situations, scoring 17 points against Team USA. Morrow's role as an upperclassman will play a big role on this young team.

Name: Jhasmin Player
Height: 5' 10"
Position: Guard
Class: Junior
Hometown: Bay City



Player

If Player were a children's book character, she'd be the little engine that could. When she wasn't starting last year, Player was a spark plug off the bench and often spurred on big runs and important stretches in big-game situations. Now that she's starting, don't be startled to see Player motoring through defenses.



Name: Angela Tisdale
Height: 5' 7"
Position: Guard
Class: Senior
Hometown: Austin

There's no way around it — Tisdale is the heart of the team this year. As the only senior on a small 10-player roster, Tisdale will be leaned on more heavily than most seniors. Her perimeter shooting makes her a constant threat from the outside, and her heady play can confuse even the most veteran defenses.

Name: Jessika Bradley
Height: 6' 3"
Position: Forward
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Name: Melissa Jones
Height: 5' 10"
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Thornton, Colo.

Name: Haylee Abbe
Height: 5' 10"
Position: Guard
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Waco

Name: Kaitin Oberg
Height: 6' 2"
Position: Forward
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Islip, N.Y.

Name: Kelli Griffin
Height: 5' 8"
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Houston

United they stand. And shoot.

Since she arrived on the steps of the Ferrell Center seven years ago, Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey has always had "go-to" players. It began with Sheila Lambert and Danielle Crockrom. The duo became the first Lady Bears to be named to the Associated Press All-American team. Then came Steffanie Blackmon, with Sophia Young soon arriving shortly after. Their success was monumental to Baylor's athletic program. Just take a look at the 2005 National Championship hanging proudly from the rafters at the Ferrell Center.

SPORTS ANALYSIS

It seemed inevitable that the Lady Bears would take a hit in terms of success when Young, arguably the best women's basketball player in Baylor history, graduated.

But along came Bernice Mosby, a transfer from the University of Florida. Last season, Mosby led the team in scoring (17.6 points per game) and rebounding (9.1 rebounds per game).

For her success on last year's 26-8 team that advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, Mosby picked up first-team All-Big-12 honors as well as an honorable mention All-American pick. She was then drafted sixth overall by the Washington Mystics in April's WNBA draft, where she has become the newest Baylor face to excel after graduation.

The Lady Bears return an abundance of talent from last year's team that was defeated 78-72 in overtime to an emotionally ridden North Carolina State team. With four starters returning, it would seem Baylor is destined for its eighth-straight 20-win season.

The lone question critics have hounded Mulkey with is not how the Lady Bears will continue their reputation as a powerhouse in women's basketball, but who will lead them.

The most realistic answer? The entire team.

"I think everybody is going to step up," junior guard Jessica Morrow said. "I know how everybody is working out right now, and how hard everyone is going to be working. It's going to be more than one person."

The Lady Bears return a well-balanced team. They have a strong

shooter in Morrow. Great passing with Angela Tisdale. A talented dribbler with Jhasmin Player. A gridiron girl with Rachel Allison. And an inside force with Danielle Wilson.

But there is no need to tell Mulkey of the strengths and weaknesses of her team. After an impressive performance against Team USA, the 1984 Olympian touted her team's abilities.

"I have learned a great deal about my basketball team," said Mulkey, who signed a 10-year, \$10 million contract extension in the offseason. "I found out I have got some players that can play."

Mulkey has always had talented teams since she has been at Baylor. But this year more than ever, the Lady Bears will require a complete team effort if they want to make their eighth-consecutive postseason appearance, especially in a stacked Big 12 Conference.

"The conference is going to be hard," Tisdale said. "Everyone is going to know what your strengths and weaknesses are. I think if we play hard though, we are going to be a really good team."

Sophomore Jessika Bradley is the only other post on the team, and if neither player can produce enough offensively, don't be surprised to see Mulkey throw out a lineup with one forward and four guards.

Jonesboro, Ark., junior Allison led Team USA in both scoring (10.8 ppg) and rebounding (7.0) during the tournament. Mulkey has commended Allison's gritty playing style time and time again, as the 6-foot-1 forward has become a fan favorite through her stay at Baylor.



With key players returning, the spotlight is open for a standout. But the Lady Bears are looking for success as a team.

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Laurisa Lopez/
Lariat staff

Predictions: Members of the Lariat sports desk predicted how Big 12 women's basketball teams would finish out the season. Here are their takes.

<p>1. Led by two-headed monster Courtney and Ashley Paris, the Sooners could very easily make a deeper run in the NCAA Tournament than their Sweet 16 appearance last season. The only question head coach Sherri Coale has about her team is whether the lack of senior leadership will affect the Sooners when the pressure rises in March.</p> 	<p>7. The Cyclones have three returning starters from last year's team that advanced to the championship game of the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship. Toccara Ross and Nicky Wieben provide a solid frontcourt, but the key to Iowa State's success depends on the development of their supporting cast.</p> 
<p>2. All five starters return from last season's Big 12 regular season champions. Add preseason Big 12 Freshman of the Year Tyra White in the backcourt rotation with Takiya Starks and A'Quonesia Franklin, and the Lady Aggies will be a force to reckon with.</p> 	<p>8. Marlies Gipson returns after missing the final 20 games due to a dislocated kneecap. The Wildcats will dearly miss graduate Claire Coggins, but with four other starters returning and a deep bench, someone is bound to step up and help lead the WNIT semifinalists to a NCAA Tournament berth.</p> 
<p>3. Sophia Young filled in the shoes of Steffanie Blackmon. Bernice Mosby filled in the shoes of Sophia Young. Who steps up as the go-to player this year? Lone senior Angela Tisdale seems to be the answer by default, but juniors Rachel Allison and Jhasmin Player have proven to be reliable themselves.</p> 	<p>9. With 2007 AP All-American honorable mention selection Jackie McFarland returning, the Lady Buffaloes would be a serious threat to make an NCAA Tournament trip if they were not in the Big 12 Conference. Unfortunately for head coach Kathy McConnell-Miller and company, the Big 12 is one of the toughest conferences in the country.</p> 
<p>4. Former Duke coach Gail Goestenkors inherits a talented but young Longhorn team. Kristen and Kathleen Nash are out to prove Oklahoma isn't the only team in the Big 12 with a pair of dominant sisters, and sophomore Brittainy Raven is set for a breakout season. But anyone can step up to help this balanced team be a strong contender in the Big 12.</p> 	<p>10. With nine newcomers on the squad this year, the Lady Raiders might want to worry more about learning names before learning the offense. However, Kristy Curry has brought in some talented transfers, and the transition back to the once-dominant Lady Raider team may be coming sooner than later.</p> 
<p>5. Prior to last season, the Cowgirls hadn't made it to the NCAA Tournament since 1996. With sophomore sensation Andrea Riley returning after a season in which she was named Big 12 Freshman of the Year and named to the Freshman All-American Team, the Cowgirls have high hopes on making another trip to the tournament.</p> 	<p>11. There are only two seniors and two juniors on the young Jayhawks team. Danielle McCray had a fabulous freshman season, but the women's basketball team still won't be able to compete with the success of the men's team for at least a couple more years.</p> 
<p>6. Kelsey Griffin is the only returning starter for the Cornhuskers. But if you were to build a squad around one player, Griffin, one of the top players in the Big 12, is the woman you'd like to have. Griffin and notorious senior shot blocker Danielle Page could surprise a talented Big 12 Conference.</p> 	<p>12. The Tigers had a winning record last year, but with the departure of four starters, including EeTisha Riddle, this could be a rebuilding season for Missouri. Alyssa Hollins brings back 11.5 points per game, but she will not be able to carry the entire team on her back.</p> 

Season schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11/9	Howard	Waco	7:30 p.m.
11/10	Saint Mary's	Waco	7:30 p.m.
11/11	Prairie View A&M	Waco	2:30 p.m.
11/15	Texas-Pan American	Waco	7 p.m.
11/25	Cal	Waco	2 p.m.
11/29	SEMO	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
12/12	Oregon	Waco	7 p.m.
12/16	Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	4 p.m.
12/19	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	Waco	7 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/22	St. John's	Queens, N.Y.	11 a.m.
12/30	Rice	Waco	2 p.m.
1/2	North Carolina A&T	Waco	7 p.m.
1/4	Texas State	Waco	7 p.m.
1/9	Texas Tech	Lubbock	7 p.m.
1/12	Texas A&M	Waco	12:30 p.m.
1/16	Kansas	Waco	6 p.m.
1/20	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	2 p.m.
1/23	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	6 p.m.
1/26	Nebraska	Waco	7:30 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
1/30	Texas	Waco	7 p.m.
2/2	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kans.	12 p.m.
2/5	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7 p.m.
2/9	Texas Tech	Waco	1 p.m.
2/13	Texas	Austin	8 p.m.
2/17	Oklahoma	Waco	12:30 p.m.
2/23	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	11 a.m.
2/27	Colorado	Waco	7 p.m.
3/1	Texas A&M	College Station	1 p.m.
3/6	Oklahoma State	Waco	7 p.m.