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Founder of premier Christian music label dies

BU alum McCracken brought fame to Waco through Word Records

By Kelli Boesel
Reporter

Word Records Inc. founder and Baylor alumnus Jarrell McCracken died Wednesday night in Waco.

In 1950 McCracken graduated from Baylor, then in choosing to continue his education, he also received his Master's degree from Baylor in 1953.

Soon after, McCracken worked as a sportscaster at KWTX, when he created a novelty record that depicted salvation as a football game, called "The Game of Life," said Robert Darden, associate professor of journalism.

The record was a major hit

and copies can still be found today.

But possibly what McCracken was most known for was his presence during the emergence of contemporary Christian music.

"Whatever people think of Christian music today is owed largely to Jarrell McCracken," Darden said.

McCracken started Word Records in 1951, and the company remained in Waco until McCracken's resignation in 1986.

Darden said Word Records

influenced the revival of young people at the time.

It was the first record label to release youth musicals and Darden said Baptist kids just flocked to them.

"(McCracken) realized what young people in the church wanted to listen to," Darden said.

Word Records became the world's largest religious record label.

"Seventy percent of all Christian music, at one time, came out of Waco," he said.

McCracken was a visionary, said Lois Ferguson, Baylor facilities utilization planner and assistant to the office of the provost. Ferguson worked as McCracken's assistant at Word for seven years.

"He was able to see things that could be," Ferguson said. "That you and I couldn't even

imagine."

He also could persuade people to make things happen, she said.

"He had a great gift and he really changed the Christian music industry," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said McCracken never intended to be a businessman, but he backed into it.

Even after Word became a major corporation, McCracken never forgot Baylor. She said he, with Word, financed a vocal scholarship at Baylor for several years in the '70s and hired a lot of Baylor graduates.

"His first recording artist was a Baylor student," Ferguson said.

Word was different from other Christian recording companies because it did not focus on one genre of Christian music.

Currently, Word Records boasts artists such as Building

429, Mark Schultz, Diamond Rio and Randy Travis.

"Word basically created an umbrella, or space, where contemporary Christian music was able to flourish," said Randall Bradley, director of the Center for Christian Music Studies.

Word Records also put Waco on the map.

"In the '70s and '80s lots of people knew about Waco because Waco was on everything that Word put out," Bradley said.

However, Word didn't only focus on music. Beginning in the 1960s, Word Books published a lot of Christian authors, such as Rev. Billy Graham and James Dobson, producer of "Focus on the Family."

"The book-publishing arm of Word was huge," Bradley said.

McCracken sold Word records to American Broadcast-

ing Corporation in 1977 but remained president of the label until 1986.

McCracken also remained active in Seventh and James Baptist Church throughout his life in Waco and later founded Brentwood Farms, which was home to some of the most valuable Arabian horses in the world.

"Whenever he became his wealthiest, he remained a humble, gracious man," Darden said. "I admired him a lot, as do many people still do to this day."

The record labels created by Word Inc. still exist today, and the remnant of Word Records is located in Nashville, Tenn.

McCracken's funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Seventh and James Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Murray McCracken, and two children.



McCracken



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Alley cats

Sugar Land freshman Kristen Kij, and Orlando, Fla. freshman Brooke Bosserman are a couple of the students who had a girls night out Thursday at Baylor's bowling alley in the Den of the Bill Daniel Student Union Building.

Students to 'step out' at New Hope Baptist Church

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Prior to 1866, only a short time after the Emancipation Proclamation, 18 blacks gathered in the balcony of the First Baptist Church of Waco for worship service, exercising for the first time their right to freedom of religion as Americans.

Then in 1866, with the help of some prominent Wacoans, the 18 started meeting in an old foundry as the first black church in Waco. They called themselves New Hope Baptist Church. In 1923, the congregation finally built their own facility at 915 N. 6th St. in Waco.

Steppin' Out participants will visit the church, lead by Minister Joseph Shilo, Saturday. Students will clear away brush and paint a fence, pull weeds out of the 80-year-old parking lot, and help with other "beautification" jobs, said associate Minister Marshall G. Warren Jr.

Pueblo, Colo. Sophomore Ashley Anderson, job recruiter for Steppin' Out, said 200 students, some of them in Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity, will go to New Hope.

According to Anderson, Warren has been very helpful in organizing Steppin' Out's help at the site.



Stephanie Jeter/Lariat staff

New Hope Baptist Church located at 915 N. 6th St. in Waco will be the latest service project of Baylor's Steppin' Out program. Saturday students will visit to help with beautification projects outside the church.

"He wanted to help with the cleanup, too," she said.

The building itself has fallen into some disrepair over the years, but Warren said the church plans to fix the building little by little over the course of the next several years for financial reasons. The church aspires to join the National Historic Society, but these basic repairs must be squared away first. Warren said church officials may look to historical societies to grant some funding for the repairs.

The church is already recognized by the Texas Historical Commission and commemo-

rated by a Texas Historical Society marker on the front lawn. According to the marker, Dr. Rufus Burleson (then Baylor president), Dr. Richard Burleson (local minister and brother of the president) and the Rev. S. G. O'Bryan helped the small assemblage take root in Waco.

The church members didn't name their haven New Hope because it sounded cute or pleasing.

Warren said God revealed the name to the church's first pastor, Stephen Cobb.

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Tynan: Success in life is collaborative effort

By Jessica Reynolds
Reporter

Microphone difficulties didn't stop Ronan Tynan from delivering his speech last night in Waco Hall, nor have two prosthetic legs stopped him from achieving his dreams.

At 47 years of age, Tynan has competed in equestrian competitions, won 18 gold medals, set 14 world records, delivered 15 babies, performed in operas, recorded CDs and written an autobiography. But Tynan credits those around him for his success.

"To succeed in whatever we do in life, is not a solo flight," he said. "We all need someone."

Tynan was born May 14, 1960, in Dublin, with leg deformities below his knees. His father was a constant source of inspiration.

"He was always saying, 'You're great,'" Tynan said. "And from the moment I

was able to walk I heard those words."

Tynan's father suggested riding horses to help strengthen his legs. Tynan competed in steeplechases, which involved jumping fences. When competing, Tynan said he used every aspect of his physical, mental and spiritual strength.

His father built on his strengths with him. Tynan said whenever he would come to a fence his father would lift his leg, as if lifting him up. Then, when Tynan landed, his father would drop his leg back down, landing safely with him. Tynan said his father never gave up on him, and he heard the words "you're great" until the day his father died.

At the age of 20, Tynan decided to have his legs amputated after getting in a motorcycle accident. Within a year of receiving prosthetic legs, Tynan competed in the Paralympics in track and field.

"When you win gold or achieve



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Ronan Tynan gives motivational speech to students Thursday night in Waco Hall.

success in any shape or form, always remember the people who saw your talents and willed you to win," he said.

Tynan remembered when he first began throwing discus. While practicing in the middle of an open field, a stranger asked him if he needed a hand. Tynan accepted the offer, and said he needed to learn the approach to the throw. The man helped him by

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House Democrats to approve Iraq funding if troops are withdrawn

By Anne Flaherty
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under pressure to support the troops but end the war, House Democrats said Thursday they would send President Bush \$50 billion for combat operations on the condition that he begin withdrawing troops from Iraq.

The proposal, similar to one Bush vetoed earlier this year, would identify a goal of ending combat entirely by December 2008.

It would require that troops spend as much time at home as they do in combat, as well as effectively ban harsh interrogation techniques like waterboarding.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had hoped the House would vote as early as Friday on the bill. But late on

Thursday, after meeting with liberal Democrats who were concerned the bill was too soft, she decided to put off debate until next week.

In a private caucus meeting earlier in the day, Pelosi told rank-and-file Democrats that the bill was their best shot at challenging Bush on the war. And if Bush rejected it, she said, she did not intend on sending him another war spending bill for the rest of the year.

"This is not a blank check for the president," she said at a Capitol Hill news conference following the caucus meeting. "This is providing funding for the troops limited to a particular purpose, for a short time frame."

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said Bush would veto any bill that sets an "artificial timeline" for troop withdrawals.

Editorial

Drug war misguided, harmful

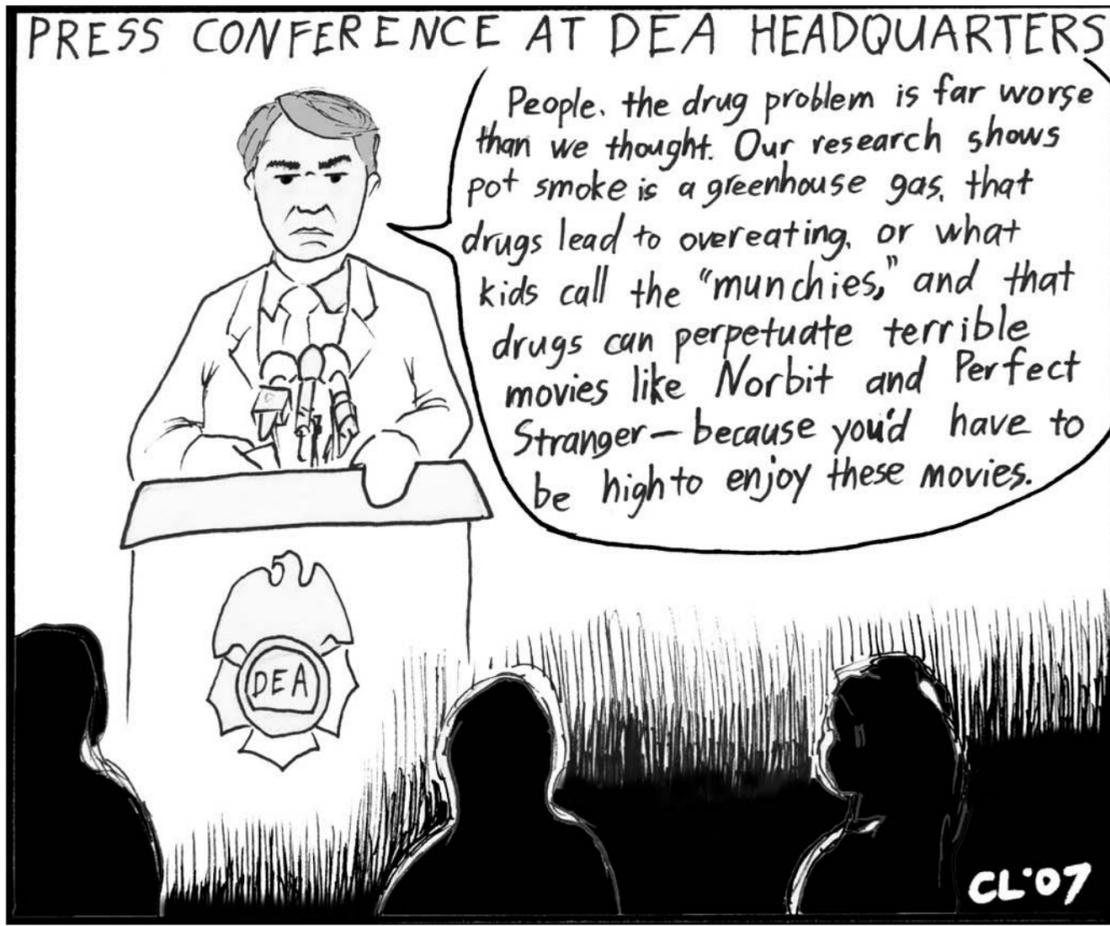
Now that the 2008 presidential election circus is in full swing, it's high time to see where candidates stand on the most important issues facing our society. Most of these are wars, in some fashion or another: the war in Iraq, the war on terror, the war on poverty, the war on drugs, the war against leaving children behind.

When it comes to these wars, the candidates tend to align themselves in a fairly predictable way with their party. But when they try articulating how they feel about the war on drugs, interesting things happen.

Republicans begin attributing authoritarian powers to federal over state government. Democrats begin expounding on public morality. And perhaps less strangely, candidates from both parties retract their previously stated positions. But it seems that when it comes to drugs — and especially the portion of the war spent against marijuana — politicians lose their minds.

They dismiss the findings of national medical journals, health associations and independent physicians' panels. They argue that legalizing marijuana, even just for medicinal purposes, would somehow send the wrong message to children. The message children are not getting (and their parents may not realize either) is that the war on drugs has progressed to a point that police can break into private homes, destroy property and hold up law-abiding citizens if their house matches the description of a known drug dealer or their informant is wrong.

In July 2004, Houston police forcibly entered the home of a landscape contractor, ordered him to the floor, pointed an assault weapon at his head,



searched his house and found nothing but hibiscus. Some stories like this end in the death of innocent people, but the issue at hand is why they start at all.

Why the insistence on cracking down so harshly against a substance that arguably does less harm than legal substances such as alcohol, tobacco or misused painkillers? More importantly, how does a government originally founded on principles of liberty, property and states' rights justify ignoring those rights for the sake of appearing upstanding?

Because the war on drugs really is about appearances. It has yet to pro-

vide any concrete, long-term success. On the contrary, prevention programs such as DARE have been proven ineffective, crime hasn't fallen significantly and increasing arrests for possession have crowded prisons with non-violent offenders. In 2004, 20 percent of inmates in state prisons were drug offenders, and more than a quarter of those were serving time for possession.

For \$69 billion a year, taxpayers should expect and demand serious improvements in their society. Instead, we are bombarded with empty rhetoric about being tough on crime. All the while, drug war policies continue to

take rights away from citizens whose social mobility needs all the help it can get.

Under a 1998 amendment to the Higher Education Act, drug violations keep students from being eligible for federally funded college aid. People with drug convictions also can be denied public housing, food stamps and even the right to vote.

As the presidential candidates present their platforms about the difficult issues facing our society, we should take a serious look at which wars we're most dedicated to fighting — and what rights and taxes we're willing to hand over to make sure we win.

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BU will make good prep for Tech

For No. 5 Oklahoma, playing Baylor couldn't come at a better time. And no, it's not because Baylor is 3-7 and ranked last in most every major statistical category in the Big 12.

It's not because OU needs another virtual off-week to rest nagging injuries.

It's definitely not because the Sooners need a quality win over a quality opponent to boost their BCS status, because they sure aren't getting that in a matchup with the Bears.

It's mainly because Baylor can give OU a perfect preview of what it will see a week after Saturday against Texas Tech.

The Bears' spread offense is strikingly similar to Tech's crazy pass offense, except for the part about putting up tons of yards and points.

But nevertheless, it will be a nice look at it.

OU is coming down the stretch of its schedule with two of its final three games at home. And home has been super sweet for Bob Stoops' Sooners. He is 52-2 at home and has only lost once at home in his eight years against a conference foe.

But one of the closest calls was against Baylor back in 2005. The Bears took OU to double-overtime before the Sooners came away with a 37-30 win.

If that game had gone Baylor's way, there would be some dead Sooner fans. I don't think some of the crimson and cream could've lived with that one.

But there's no way anyone



BY ROYCE YOUNG



should rule it out happening again.

We all know what has gone on this football season. Stanford pulling a huge stunner in the Coliseum against USC. Appalachian State shocking Michigan at the Big House. It's super unlikely but yet still possible for Baylor to somehow stagger the Sooners.

I wrote a something similar before OU went to Ames, Iowa, to play Iowa State.

Some people called me crazy for even suggesting ISU had a shot.

But look what almost happened. OU escaped by its chinny-chin-chin in a 17-7 win.

"I think as coaches, we realize there are very small margins, and if you're on the wrong side of them, (a loss) is going to happen or you're going to

be sweating it out and hanging on," Stoops said.

Because that's the nature of football. It doesn't take much for an upset to occur. Turnovers, penalties and mental mistakes can flip a football game like Tony Soprano turning over a table.

And games in which one team is favored by a large margin are when those types of things can happen.

A team loses focus, starts looking ahead and then in the fourth quarter finds itself in a dogfight with an inferior opponent.

While of course I see no reason for OU to stumble in Norman on Saturday, you can never rule it out.

But the Sooners played one of their most complete games against Texas A&M and look to be hitting another stride as quarterback Sam Bradford tossed five touchdown passes.

So it will likely be a long day in Norman for Baylor.

The spread is 38 right now, so maybe instead of shooting for a straight-up win, the Bears should just look to try to cover.

Because there isn't much hope otherwise.

Unless of course, OU forgets what time the game is and doesn't show up until halftime.

Kind of like what it did against Iowa State.

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Bears face monumental hurdles

Baylor coach Guy Morriss had better take a good look around Oklahoma's campus in Norman Saturday, because it will probably be his last visit as a coach for a while.

After Texas Tech handed Baylor a 38-7 thrashing on homecoming last Saturday, Baylor's ninth straight Big 12 loss by at least 20 points, the rumors about Morriss' job security are flying.

An away match-up against No. 5 Oklahoma, who Baylor has never beaten in its football history, isn't likely to curtail the voices calling for a buy-out on Morriss' contract, which runs through next season.

Sources close to Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione said Monday that the school is close to a buy-out. Even after extending his contract with Nebraska through the 2011 season, it appears Nebraska might not be too far behind with Bill Callahan.

Morriss' contract ends after next year. It's less costly for Baylor to axe Morriss, whose contract is worth decidedly less than either of those coaches.

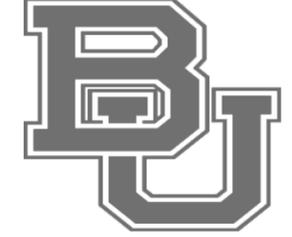
So will he be the next domino to fall?

Crazier things have happened, but Baylor fans who held their breath for a conference win earlier this year are now blue in the face.

Regardless of who coaches the Bears next year, Morriss still has to get through these last two games.



BY WILL PARCHMAN



Baylor and Oklahoma are on opposite poles of the Big 12 in nearly every case. Baylor's next-to-last scoring offense and scoring defense are offset by Oklahoma's No. 2 ranking in those categories.

Baylor's spread offense relies almost solely on the pass, which has been sporadic and unreliable this year. The Bears' pass efficiency rating is dead last in the conference. Texas Tech, the offense Baylor unabashedly emulates, is second. Oklahoma is first.

The progress Morriss made since his arrival in 2003 seems to have been erased this year. This season has amounted to one gigantic step backward after a few small steps forward.

Baylor's quarterback position is congested with inexperienced talent and a viable starter

has yet to emerge. After junior transfer Ryan Roberts played a series in last Saturday's loss, all five of Baylor's quarterbacks have seen the field this season.

Shockingly, not one has looked like a Big 12-level starter. Morriss hasn't helped their collective psyche either, as he has yanked all of them at one point or another.

Baylor's record three Big 12 wins last season showcased a team on the rise. That talent didn't disappear in one season, but the quarterback did. That's made all the difference this year.

Oklahoma has been riding high all season on the back of an outstanding freshman quarterback, which makes Baylor's pain all the more acute.

Baylor quarterbacks have run from a 19-year-old red-shirt freshman (Tyler Beatty) to a 26-year-old senior transfer (Michael Machen) and literally every classification in between.

The coaching staff is mired in an unavoidable mess. The blame doesn't fall entirely on any one person. With how miserable Baylor's conference season has been this year, it can't.

Baylor has developed a formulaic way to lose games this season. After holding strong for a half, the team simply gives out under the stress of an offense that isn't producing and a defense that's been pushed too hard.

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Baylor hopes to break losing tradition against OU

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

A wise man once said that an activity done for three weeks is habit-forming.

If that is true, then Baylor has losing to the University of Oklahoma down to an art.

In the past 16 tries, the closest the Bears have come to a victory is 2005's 37-30 overtime loss in Norman.

"It's a big challenge," head coach Guy Morriss said. "I, for one, am not going to roll over just because it's Oklahoma and I don't think our kids are going to do that either."

But with a 3-7 record coming into the game, the Bears will have to battle No. 4 Oklahoma and the nation's No. 3 scoring offense.

The Sooners have rebounded well since the 2005 car dealership scandal, when quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive line-

man J.D. Quinn were removed from the team for violating NCAA payment policies.

Redshirt freshman Sam Bradford took over where Paul Thompson left off, and the offensive line has returned to national prestige.

"I think they're a better team than last year because they've gotten a lot more physical," Guy Morriss said. "They're not finessing people, they're mauling people."

Three running backs help to rip through the defense. Allen Patrick, DeMarco Murray and Chris Brown have combined for 1,500 rushing yards and average 5.4 yards per carry.

And when head coach Bob Stoops gets bored with the running game, he turns to his stellar receivers.

Longview senior Malcolm Kelly is widely considered to commit to the NFL draft. Killen product Juaquin Iglesias works the other side of the field. Com-

bined, the two receivers have 12 touchdowns and 1,289 yards receiving between them.

But even an offense that talented isn't the strong suit of the team.

The defense is ranked lower than the offense at No. 8, but mostly due to the second team's playing time.

Middle linebacker Curtis Lofton leads the front seven. With 101 total tackles, an interception and fumble both returned for a touchdown and two forced fumbles, the turnover-prone Bears will have to keep No. 40 away from the ball.

"We saw him run a tailback down from behind; that was pretty impressive. The other (play) was when he crushed the fullback on the iso," offensive coordinator Lee Hays said. "I would have to say that he is probably one of the best that we have faced - if not the best."

The Bears bring a weakened secondary to Owen Field

- Rover Dwain Crawford and strong safety Brandon Stiggers both are out with broken legs.

"Dwain got hurt in pre-game warm-up and our solution was to move Brandon in," defensive coordinator Larry Hofer said.

As of Thursday, Ray Sims will fill in for Stiggers, but Jake La Mar, Marlon Price, Desmond Jenkins and Dominique Criss might all see playing time.

But the offense will not be able to help out the defense with time-consuming drives.

With one of the nation's best defenses, the Bears will be looking for weaknesses and big plays.

"You got to burn the midnight oil," Hays said. "Sometimes you just have to try and set plays up knowing that they will not be the most productive plays to create the explosive plays."

If Baylor manages to keep the game close on offense and defense, special teams might clinch the game.

Last week, Baylor freshman Derek Epperson contributed a 63-yard punt but later watched as the special teams allowed a 65-yard punt return by Danny Amendola.

Oklahoma's strength comes on the foot of kicker Garrett Hartley.

The No. 2 kicker in the nation coming out of Southlake's Carroll High School, Hartley has scored 252 points for the Sooners in four years.

But with all the awards heaped upon the Sooners, they still have one loss.

The University of Colorado forced three key interceptions and Kevin Eberhart's 45-yard field goal stunned the Sooners in the 27-24 upset.

So do the Bears feel they have a chance at the upset?

"Yeah, we have the opportunity to," quarterback Blake Szymanski said. "Any team can be beat by any team in this conference and it just depends."

BEAR BRIEFS

The Pandamonium Culture Show will be held at 7 p.m. today at the SUB Bowl. The show will feature talents from Baylor students in dance, vocals, and fashion. Admission is free.

Who's Got Game Charity Basketball Tournament will be held all day Friday, November 9, to Sunday, November 11, in the Marris McLean Gym. There will be a men's and women's bracket with teams consisting of three to five players and a three-point competition. All proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Kayak Roll Clinic and Open Practice Session will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the McLane Student Life Center pool. The cost is \$15 for the Roll Clinic and \$5 for gear rental. The deadline to register is Saturday.

Stephen F. Austin Climbing Competition will be held all day in Nachagdoches November 18. The cost is \$10 for travel and \$25 for competition fee. You will be responsible for your meals. The deadline to register is Monday, November 12.

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Grave actors portray Waco settlers' past

By Christine Bolanos
Reporter

Actors will portray prominent Waco settlers laid to rest in First Street Cemetery and Hebrew Rest Cemetery, two of Waco's earliest cemeteries, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Tidbits about their lives and families will be shared near their burial grounds.

Sarah Levine, director of marketing for the Mayborn Museum Complex, which is sponsoring the event said this is the first time this tour has taken place.

"Some very early Waco settlers will be portrayed as well as some more recent settlers, ranging from the 1860s to the 1950s," Levine said.

Levine said the tour is meant to honor those who have died.

"We are presenting it in the most sensitive and respectful way we can," Levine said. "Many hours have been put in researching people who will be portrayed in a dignified way."

Levine said one of the most prominent individuals being portrayed is Gussie Oscar.

She was a musician, conductor and manager of the Waco Auditorium, bringing to Waco famous acts such as Ginger Rogers.

Another individual to be

portrayed is Sam Sanger, who began the Sanger Brothers Department Stores.

Levine said she believes the most prominent Waco settlers are the men who built the suspension bridge, built the first Waco homes, served the country and created the newspaper.

One of the four men was John T. Flint, a lawyer and banker who opened a bridge across the river, and raised the suspension bridge in Waco.

Thomas Borrion was a Texas Ranger who built some of the earliest houses in Waco, Levine said.

The third of the four men was James Harrison, who was a confederate general during the Civil War. The fourth was W.D. Chambers who started the *Waco-Tribune Herald*, Levine said. Kathy Trankovich, the central researcher for the event, said the tour is a different type of memorial service.

"By researching their history and lives in a positive manner, we are honoring them. They are the reason we are (here). They built bridges, buildings, established important relationships," Trankovich said. "They could have lived anywhere in Texas, but they chose to settle in Waco. Waco is what it is because of them. That's what we are trying to depict."



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

Laid to rest in the First Street Cemetery and Hebrew Rest Cemetery, Waco settlers will be "brought to life" in actor portrayals. This is the first time the Mayborn Museum Complex has offered this guided tour.

Some students do not find the tour appealing considering it involves dead people.

Round Rock sophomore Alexis Budd said she thinks it's a strange event.

"Maybe if it were for a Halloween thing, I'd be more interested," Budd said. "I can see how it may be interesting for history majors, though. But if one of my friends asked me to go with them, I'd say no and ask them why they are going."

Dallas sophomore Julie Blum

said she finds it appealing.

"I can see how other people would have something against it, though. I'm an anthropology major with forensic science intent and I find this stuff quite interesting," Blum said.

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., tours will depart every 15 minutes and will last approximately 1 hour. Tourists are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled tour time. The cost is \$5 for museum members and students and \$10 for others.

Cavanaugh discusses symbol, importance of medical ethics

By Kate Gronewald
Reporter

Dr. Thomas Cavanaugh, professor and chair of philosophy at the University of San Francisco, presented "Hippocrates' Snake, Homeopathy and the Medical Ethic" Thursday as part of the Honors College Lecture Series.

Cavanaugh said some ethical issues are unique to medicine and the medical symbol, two snakes wrapped around a staff or pole with wings at the top, is widely misused.

"The Caduceus, or the rod of Hermes, came to be misunderstood as a medical symbol," Cavanaugh said.

Cavanaugh said the rod of Asclepius is the historically accurate symbol of medicine. It is a rough wooden staff with

no wings and only one snake wrapped around it.

The Caduceus is historically the symbol for printers. He said the mistake is indigenous to the United States and attributed it U.S. publishers,

who received medical books with the Caduceus on the covers from English printer John Churchill. "Other United States publishers copied Churchill's symbol exclusively as the medical symbol in their texts, mistaking their own symbol," Cavanaugh said.



Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh said it is because the snake causes sickness and death that it can symbolize medicine.

"The homeopathic principle amounts to the insight that the source of an illness can also protect one from a disease," Cavanaugh said. "The wounder heals."

This theory has been used for ages. Vaccinations were used in ancient and diverse cultures to produce milder symptoms and provide immunity.

"Medical practitioners have always been acutely aware of their danger of practicing medicine on their patients," Cavanaugh said. "If you talk to any doctor or nurse, they know they run the risk of hurting their patients."

Cavanaugh said this is the ethical problem that motivated

Hippocrates' oath and is still the fundamental reality that confronts all who aspire to heal.

Hippocrates' oath calls physicians to help, or to at least not to harm.

He exclusively oriented medicine toward helping the patient and wouldn't poison someone when asked, Cavanaugh said.

"The snake's wisdom should be used only for healing," Cavanaugh said. "This is the ethic internal to medicine."

The Hippocratic oath calls physicians to swear not to wound. Medical schools have Hippocratic oath ceremonies in which graduates take this pledge.

"It seems like the Hippocratic oath is a very individual decision," said Lynchberg, Va., sophomore Christa Leotti. "It seems it would be almost more

necessary for that to be applied in a wider way through the medical system."

Cavanaugh mentioned the conflicts of interest physicians encounter, such as lethal injection, euthanasia and torture.

"In the face of such temptation, physicians must look to the snake, who forever fore-swore wounding," Cavanaugh said.

Audience members found Cavanaugh's explanation of the snake's role in medical symbolism surprising.

"I thought it was interesting how he incorporated symbols into the discussion of ethics," said El Paso freshman Karen Caylor.

Cavanaugh stressed that doctors are held to a high ethical standard and the snake should remind them of that calling.

CRIME BLOTTER

An alcohol violation, minor consuming, occurred at 3:23 a.m. Nov. 3 at the Heritage House Residential Hall. Case cleared by arrest.

Two alcohol violations, minors consuming, occurred at 7:28 a.m. Nov. 3 at Collins Hall. Case cleared by arrest.

An accident with failure to stop and identify reportedly occurred sometime between 5:30 p.m. and 5:59 p.m. at Floyd Casey Stadium. Case pending.

An extended territory alcohol arrest, driving while intoxicated, occurred at 1:51 a.m. Nov. 4 at the intersection of 8th and Dutton Avenue. Case cleared by arrest.

Two alcohol violations, public intoxication, occurred at 2:10 a.m. Nov. 4 at the Fifth Street Parking Garage. Case cleared by arrest.

Four alcohol arrests, minors consuming, occurred at 2:45 a.m. Nov. 4 at the 1200 block of S. 4th St. Case cleared by arrest.

A theft of a bicycle occurred at 11:45 p.m. Nov. 4 at the 1800 block of S. 5th St. at the Centre Court Apartments. Case cleared by arrest.

Criminal Mischief reportedly occurred sometime between 8:50 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Nov. 5 at Penland Hall. Case pending.

A narcotics arrest, possession of marijuana, occurred at 11:15 a.m. Nov. 6 at Penland Hall. Case cleared by arrest.

A burglary of a motor vehicle reportedly occurred sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 1:22 p.m. Nov. 7 at lot 50 located south of Russell Gym. Case pending.

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Men's basketball season opens Sunday against Jackson State

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Head coach Scott Drew is happy to have last weekend in the rearview mirror.

After dropping a 95-85 decision to Division II Tarleton State University last Friday, the entire team is just trying to move on.

That starts Sunday with the season-opening home game against Jackson State University at the Ferrell Center.

"It was a great wake-up call," freshman guard LaceDarius Dunn said. "I think we really needed that so we can know where we need to get stronger and what we need to do to change up so we can get some victories."

Forward Kevin Rogers said he hopes people show up to the game.

"I know a lot of people are pretty upset that we lost to Tarleton, so it's in some people's minds that they're in for the same thing (against Jackson State)," he said. "With us playing the way we did, I probably wouldn't show up to a few of our games either."

Jackson State might not be a house-

hold name or a basketball powerhouse, but it has established a successful corner in the college basketball world.

The Tigers won the 2006-07 Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament Championship, earning them a bid to the NCAA Tournament last March.

"It's a team that comes in with post-season experience, comes in with the experience of beating major teams on the road, so it will be a good test for us," Drew said. "Again, the great thing about college basketball is the parity, and every night if you don't bring it you're in trouble."

Drew's Bears found that out the hard way last weekend when the Baylor defense gave up nearly 40 points in transition.

But ultimately those games, while important, don't count. And the Bears now have something else to work on before Sunday.

"Defense and controlling the ball and getting back in transition," Henry Dugat said. "(Tarleton State) got a lot of points in transition against us and we have to work on that."

Dunn said Drew amped up practice after the loss in anticipation of another let-down against a lesser-known opponent this Sunday.

"Coach Drew really picked it up a notch, so everything has been fast-paced, no slow pace," Dunn said. "We're working hard each day, getting better."

Drew fiddled with several different lineups last weekend but said that his lineup Sunday will feature more size.

One of the few bright spots against Tarleton State was the emergence of Dunn, who played his first competitive contest with Baylor last Friday.

He was 8-15 from the field, including 3-9 from three-point range, and scored a team-high 20 points off the bench.

Dunn won't start on Sunday, but his presence will be key in spelling the starters.

But this being his first college game that counts, you'd expect the wide-eyed freshman to be nervous, right?

"First game of the year, no butterflies," Dunn said. "I'm just ready for Sunday. It's not coming fast enough."



Laurisa Lopez/Lariat Staff

Monroe, La., freshman LaceDarius Dunn (24) goes in for a layup in an exhibition game against Tarleton State Nov. 2

NearbyNow allows shoppers to reserve from home, save time

By Kate Gronewald
Reporter

Consumers can start window shopping at Richland Mall before they step inside. The mall



Abbie Rosen/Lariat staff

A shopper buys clothes Thursday at Richland Mall's 5.79. NearbyNow allows consumers to search stores' inventory before going to buy.

now offers a product search feature powered by NearbyNow Inc. that allows shoppers to search store inventories via the Internet or cell phones.

Shoppers can look up a specific item or brand, see what stores in the mall carry it, check the item's availability and reserve it for pick-up. The company uses inventory data from every store in the mall to help shoppers find the nearest place to buy a product.

"It's all about convenience," said Scott Dunlap, CEO of NearbyNow Inc.

NearbyNow works to simplify shopping for consumers who browse online but buy in person, according to its Web site. Dunlap said the NearbyNow product search helps answer the two primary questions consumers ask when they begin the shopping process: Who carries what I'm looking for, and will it be there in my size and color when I get there?

"When you come to the mall Web site, you can check availability and begin the shopping experience," Dunlap said.

Using the product search page on the Richland Mall Web site, shoppers can see if a spe-

cific item is currently available at the mall by submitting the desired product details, including size and color. During store business hours, the NearbyNow system sends shoppers an e-mail confirmation within 10 minutes of receiving the availability request to confirm the product is on hand at the mall and in which store.

The e-mail includes a link to reserve the item for pick-up at the mall and names a specific salesperson to ask for upon arrival. Users can also print out coupons and a map with directions to the store carrying the desired product.

"We hope to tap into the market that's heavily influenced by the Internet," said Brad King, marketing director for CBL & Associates Properties' Richland Mall.

King said the Internet-based search system should broaden consumers' knowledge of available products and encourage in-store foot traffic, especially as the holiday season approaches.

"We're excited to roll this out into the community, especially to Baylor students," King said.

Shoppers can also use their mobile phones to search item categories and learn about special

offers at the mall by sending a text message to the NearbyNow service.

"The system gives Baylor students an opportunity to save valuable time they would normally spend shopping and allow them to do something else," Fort Worth senior Laura Baker said.

Every Friday, users who sign up for a weekly sales alert receive information about special deals at their local mall in a text message sent to their cell phones. Dunlap said most consumers primarily want to know what's new and what's on sale.

He also divides users into two categories: hunters and browsers. While hunters are typically men and browsers are typically women, sometimes they shift modes.

"The browsers are looking for general categories, like who has children's shoes on sale, but about 60 percent of our audience is looking for something specific," Dunlap said.

Shoppers can use the mall Web site to reserve products for free. However, the Web-based search doesn't include every item in the mall.

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"They stepped out on faith, you know? Think about it. In 1866, this was still part of the Confederate south," Warren said. "(The church) lived up to its name."

Indeed, the church has witnessed many milestones in

American history.

From taking shape after emancipation, living through the roaring twenties with its infamous racial tensions, struggling through the great depression and thriving through the civil rights movement, the church has dealt with changing times and cultural landscapes.

Now the church copes with a

dwindling, mostly elderly population of fewer than 100 members.

"The challenges have been for traditional churches to be more contemporary. We've done that, but that's not the reputation of this church," Warren said. "There are churches that don't come off as contemporary, but the Holy Spirit is alive in that ministry."

Although the church is comfortable with ministering to the elderly, he said the congregation is now praying for growth to reestablish a youth group and other programs for the younger crowd.

Time will tell if the church can succeed in these efforts to gain recognition and increase appeal.

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teaching him the waltz, and the two men danced in the middle of the field as people passed by watching.

The practice helped Tynan shatter the discus record on his first throw. He proceeded to improve his record with each throw. After his sixth and final throw, Tynan said he was escorted for a drug test.

"My mother said, 'Ronan, I'm so thrilled for you, but I'm even more delighted that you're not on drugs,'" Tynan said.

Tynan used his comedic presence throughout his presentation, and he constantly had the audience laughing. Tynan said the greatest gift of all is to

make a person smile, and "the beauty of it is that there are no side effects."

"I liked how he had a sense of humor," Garland freshman Lela Atwood said. "Even when the microphone was being really, really annoying, he found a way to joke about it."

Whenever Tynan isn't giving presentations or living in America, he returns home to his medical practice. He was the first disabled person admitted into Ireland's National College of Physical Education. He specialized in orthopedic sports injuries at Trinity College. During his studies, he was encouraged to pursue his love for singing.

Tynan opened his speech in song, as well as closing it with

"God Bless America." His musical career began as a young boy, singing to the cows. However, he began voice lessons in 1993, during the middle of his medical practice. He competed in numerous singing competitions. During one competition, a judge asked him to join the Irish Tenors. From there, his singing career took off.

"He's had big obstacles he had to go through, yet he's done so much," Houston junior Lesly Monroe said.

Monroe said the best advice she gained was when he said that life can only be learned from looking backward, but it has to be lived by going forward.

"He made me think you

shouldn't believe in regrets," Monroe said. "That's what's important."

Tynan also told audience member to do as he does. He told them to wake up in the morning, look in the mirror, smile and say, "I'm great."

"We cannot become what we need to be by remaining the way we are. And the curious paradox about change," he said, "is if you accept yourself for who you are, then you can make any change you want."

However, Tynan reiterated the idea that success comes with the help of others. He said through work, help, encouragement and dedication of those that believe in you, you can become anything you want.

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Free concert to serve Steppin' Out-ers

Sigma Phi Lambda to offer post-service Christian entertainment

By Hayley Frank and Amanda Robison
Reporter and Entertainment editor

After working up a sweat all day Saturday at Steppin' Out, students can cool off that night with some live music in the Burleson Quadrangle.

Sigma Phi Lambda, in association with the Baylor Concert Series, will hold a free Christian concert called Encore from 7 to 10 p.m.

"The event is a celebration of the service performed that day for both the community and for the Lord," said Mansfield junior Erica Blessingame, co-chair for Encore.

The annual concert will feature three bands this year. Air Five and Sigma Phi Lambda's own Kristen Warren will be the opening acts for the night.

Plumline, an alternative Christian band from Los Angeles, will be the headliner.

There will be a slide show during the event with pictures from the different service acts performed earlier that day.

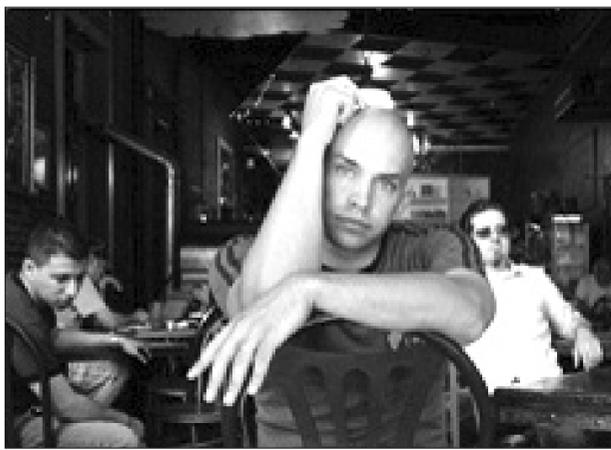
"Since it is the night of Steppin' Out, we wanted to continue the sense of service," said Shreveport, La. senior Natalie O'Connor, publicity chair for Encore.

The event will serve as a chance for students to relax after the rigors of house painting and cleaning up trash and enjoy positive music with friends.

"It really is a fun event right in the middle of campus," Blessingame said. "(It) provides a convenient place to fellowship with friends."

Encore is Sigma Phi Lambda's annual open party and this will mark the third year for the concert to follow Steppin' Out.

"Once we switched to the day of Steppin' Out, the event became known as Encore," said



Courtesy photo

The Christian alternative band Plumline, which hails from Los Angeles, will perform as the main act Saturday night at Encore.

Las Vegas junior Krystal Dua, co-chair for the concert this year. "As a Christian service sorority, Sigma Phi Lambda wants to connect with the campus and glorify God through our actions."

Dua said, "Encore provides an opportunity for that by giving back to the students for their hard work during the day serving the community and God."

Waller junior Kelly Long, vice president of Sigma Phi Lambda, said they found the bands who will perform on Saturday through a Christian agency.

"We found the bands through the agency this summer," she said. "And they were available, which is obviously important."

She said the agency helped them find bands with the qualities they wanted for the event.

Long said it was important that first and foremost the bands were Christian.

The headlining band, Plumline, has an alternative sound, while opener Air Five has a sound that is more rock, she said.

"We wanted artists with a style that would create a fun atmosphere but also encourage worship," Long said.

Grapevine senior Warren will perform as well, with a style she compared to Kelly Clarkson or Michelle Branch.

"It could be considered acoustic or it could be rock," she said.

During her 30-minute set, Warren said she plans to sing two original songs and five covers by female singer-songwriters such as Branch, Colbie Caillat



Courtesy photo

Grapevine senior Kristen Warren will sing at Encore alongside a four-member band, which includes her brother.

and Carrie Underwood. Though Warren said the two original songs she will perform are "brand-spanking new," she has been performing nearly all of her life.

"There's actually a video of me singing on stage when I was 2," she said.

She recently performed in AfterDark and has also sung at Common Grounds, which she plans to do again soon.

Warren also said she is working on plans to travel to Dallas and play in some churches there.

While she said she doesn't plan to pursue music as a career, she enjoys performing for fun at events like Encore.

O'Connor said she hopes the concert will catch on with students.

"The event is annual, but we hope it will become larger each year," she said. "We feel this event is so important because of the fellowship it provides."

Plano senior Courtney Brode said it's important for students to come support the cause.

"This event means a lot to the sisters of Sigma Phi Lambda because it is a way that we can give back to Baylor and it represents who we are as a Christian organization," she said. "Service is an important part of the Christian walk, and we desire to celebrate the joys of service with the Baylor community."

In conjunction with the event, Sigma Phi Lambda is offering the student body a chance to encourage a specific group of people who are currently serving in a different way overseas.

Students will have a chance to write and send letters to soldiers in Iraq to thank them for their service and as a reminder that they are being thought of during the upcoming holiday season.

Sigma Phi Lambda will have tables set up for letter-writing in the Bill Daniel Student Center today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Encore is free and open to anyone.

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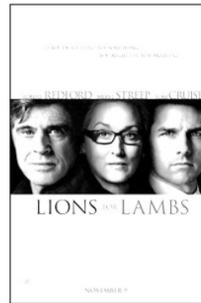


Cast: Adrien Brody, Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman

Three American brothers who have not spoken to each other in a year set off on a train voyage across India with a plan to find themselves and bond with each other. Their "spiritual quest," however, veers rapidly off-course (due to events involving over-the-counter pain killers, Indian cough syrup, and pepper spray), and they eventually find themselves stranded alone in the middle of the desert with 11 suitcases, a printer and a laminating machine. At this moment, a new, unplanned journey suddenly begins.

Lions for Lambs

Cast: Robert Redford, Meryl Streep, Tom Cruise



Lions for Lambs begins after two determined students at a West Coast University follow the inspiration of their idealistic professor and attempt to do something important with their lives. But when the two make the bold decision to join the battle in Afghanistan, the professor is both moved and distraught. Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., a charismatic Presidential hopeful is about to drop a bombshell story to a probing TV journalist that may affect their fates.

Fred Claus



Cast: Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Rachel Weisz

Fred Claus (Santa's brother) has lived his entire life in his brother's very large shadow. Fred tried, but could hardly live up to the saintly example set by the younger Nicholas. Fred became the polar opposite: a fast-talking repo man who's run out of luck and money. Eventually Fred's bad behavior catches up with him and he is sent to jail. His only recourse is to turn to his brother. Fred is forced to move to the North Pole, but he isn't exactly elf material.

Look for late-night alternatives as strike hits Letterman, Leno

By Erin Carlson
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A week after Halloween, Jon Stewart is discussing what he calls the "Double Walk of Shame."

"It's embarrassing enough to see someone walking home at 8 a.m. from a one-night stand, but to see someone make that same journey dressed as a wrinkled zebra?"

Stewart first cracked this joke last week on *The Daily Show*. But just after 11 p.m. Wednesday night, he was telling it again. This does not bode well for night owls.

The Comedy Central rerun is an instant effect of the writers strike that left every major late-night show without its snarky scribes. If history is any indication, this walkoff could last a long time: Hollywood writers previously went on strike in 1988, for 22 weeks.

How will late-night TV watchers make it through a potentially months-long spell without fresh

offerings from Stewart, David Letterman, Jay Leno — and, if they stay up really late, Conan O'Brien?

There's hope yet. A little late-night channel-surfing (away from the networks) turned up a few post-local news shows that offer more humor — intentional or not — than one might think.

ABC's *Nightline*: The trusty program — which goes up against Leno and Letterman — is likely thanking its lucky stars for the strike, which could generate viewers for its hard-hitting news segments. Or it's not-so-serious stories (Exhibit A: Wednesday's Ryan Seacrest profile).

"I get lonely, but there are four of me. And so I spend time with the rest of mes and we talk about our day," Seacrest, who has like 35 jobs, says of his non-stop work schedule. The *American Idol* host adds, for the record, that he's not gay.

CNBC's *Mad Money*: Motor-mouth host Jim Cramer brings a welcome dose of ADD to the business channel, dispensing

financial advice and stock tips with the combustible passion of Al Pacino in *Any Given Sunday*.

Anything on MTV: The music-channel-that's-not-really-a-music-channel is always there when people need it — especially late at night. Its constantly rotating stable of addictive reality shows offer substance-free entertainment when thinking requires too much effort. On Wednesday night, viewers were treated to back-to-back episodes of *Run's House*, *The Real World* and *The Hills*.

Travel Channel's *Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern*: This guy will eat just about anything, which makes for irresistible viewing. Zimmern finds the holy grail of culinary curiosities in the Philippines, where he takes a deep breath and slurps down a sauteed giant worm that might as well be served on *Fear Factor*.

"I don't know what those things ate, but they didn't digest it very well," Zimmern says, grimacing.

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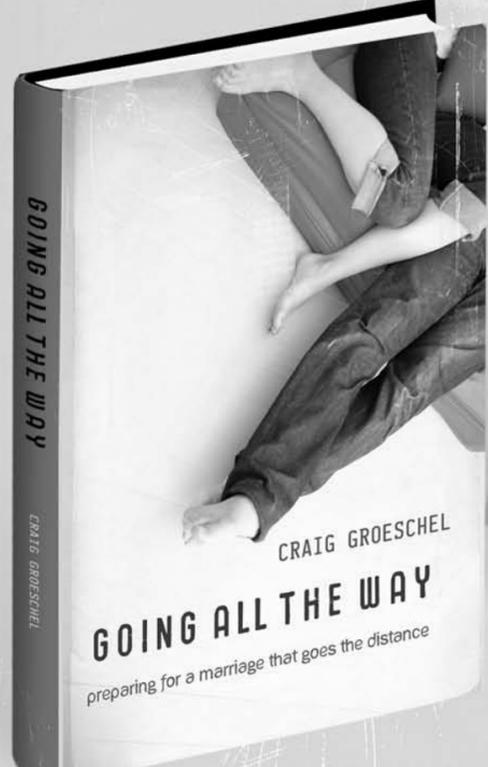
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Men's roster

Projected starting line-up



Name: Aaron Bruce
Height: 6' 3"
Position: Guard
Class: Senior
Hometown: Horsham, Australia

Bruce

While he's slipped since his freshman season, Bruce remains the most experienced and court-savvy player on the roster. He rarely makes mistakes and is good when the game matters. If he can succeed in his new role as a shooting guard, he'll further cement his legacy.

Name: Curtis Jerrells
Height: 6' 1"
Position: Guard
Class: Junior
Hometown: Austin



Jerrells

Jerrells was once criticized for being too much of an off-the-dribble player and not having a refined shot. After working almost solely on that this off-season, Jerrells is ready to add yet another facet to a skill set that is rapidly getting him noticed on a national stage. All eyes will be on Jerrells as the point guard this year.



Name: Tweety Carter
Height: Guard
Position: 5' 10"
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Reserve, La.

Carter

Carter was known in high school as the most prolific scorer on that level in history. He has some room for improvement and is often held back because of his height, but the feisty sophomore has a stellar shot and began developing his ball skills as the season ended last year.

Name: Kevin Rogers
Height: 6' 9"
Position: Forward
Class: Junior
Hometown: Dallas



Rogers

Rogers will be the cornerstone of the Baylor big men this year. He put up good numbers last season and could have flirted with taking his game to the NBA. He has a tantalizing mix of quickness, strength and a soft shot around the hoop. Getting him in space, though, remains his Achilles heel.



Name: Josh Lomers
Height: 7' 0"
Position: Center
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Boerne

Lomers

Lomers was an enigma early last year. For all of his size and physical strength, he was absent in the post and couldn't finish shots strong. He improved as the season went along and looks poised to make us forget all about a freshman season that wasn't so impressive.

Name: LaceDarius Dunn
Height: 6' 4"
Position: Guard
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Monroe, La.

Name: Henry Dugat
Height: 6' 0"
Position: Guard
Class: Junior
Hometown: Dayton

Name: Delbert Simpson
Height: 6' 8"
Position: Forward
Class: Junior
Hometown: Tyler

Name: Mark Shepherd
Height: 6' 9"
Position: Forward
Class: Senior
Hometown: Austin

Name: Djibril Thiam
Height: 6' 9"
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Senegal

Name: Mamadou Diene
Height: 7' 0"
Position: Center
Class: Junior
Hometown: Senegal

Name: Fred Ellis
Height: 6' 6"
Position: Forward
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Name: Richard Hurd
Height: 6' 5"
Position: Forward
Class: Senior
Hometown: Houston

Bears' deep talent aiming high

With a maturing, skilled and versatile team, Scott Drew has Baylor thinking post-season or bust

When Baylor dropped an exhibition game against Tarleton State University on homecoming weekend, head coach Scott Drew was searching for any solace he could find.

After Michigan State University, the University of Kentucky and Ohio State University all suffered similar fates against teams from outside Division I, it lessened the sting but didn't erase the memory.

Regardless of who the Bears play this year, including the home opener against Jackson State University this Sunday, the Tarleton State loss assured head coach Scott Drew that the team can't afford to take any opponent lightly. Even if they are from Division II.

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"Everyone always learns through experience more than anything else," Drew said. "So the great thing is that the players obviously have been in a new level of awareness and the coaching staff is in a new level of awareness."

Drew pulled no punches when he crafted Baylor's schedule this year. Nonconference games against the University of Arkansas, No. 10 Washington State University and Wichita State University will give the team an idea of where it stands before opening its yearly grind through the Big 12 ranks.

"The great thing is that our schedule allows us this year to play quality teams where we can learn from those games instead of waiting until the Big 12 and finding there's a bunch of holes here," Drew said.

The Bears turned in a 4-12 record in the conference last season for the second straight year and failed to break the .500 mark overall, but change and improve-

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

ment seem to be in the wind.

An already stout back-court received a boost when top-25 recruit LaceDarius Dunn walked on campus in the summer.

Now that he's here, the Bears' guard rotation will be almost as deep as it is talented.

Jerrells emerged as a bonafide leader last season and was named to the Bob Cousy Award preseason watch list as well as the All-Big 12 preseason squad this year for his effort.

While Jerrells seems to have taken the performance baton from lone senior Aaron Bruce, he hasn't yet taken Bruce's leadership role. Bruce has battled injuries and his sagging performance since his magical freshman season but remains as constant as Baylor's floor general.

While Jerrells slides into the point guard position, Bruce will take on more of a shooting role this season as one of many moveable parts on Baylor's starting lineup.

The talented group of guards is joined by junior Henry Dugat, who was crucial for the Bears in his role off the bench last season.

Both he and Dunn will often spell Bruce and impressive but raw sophomore guard Tweety Carter.

While most of the talk this off-season has centered around Baylor's guards, the play of the big men will be of vital importance, perhaps even more so than any other position.

Even without off-injured center Mamadou Diene for parts of last season, the Bears led the Big 12 in offensive rebounds and were tied for fifth in overall rebounding.

Junior Kevin Rogers remains

Baylor's most consistent post player and figures to play more than anybody on the roster. With so much uncertainty surrounding the center position, Rogers is a key player in Baylor's post-season push.

There's still room for improvement, though, as the Bears were 11th in the conference in defensive rebounds as freshman Josh Lomers often struggled to adjust to the pace of the Big 12.

With an entire off-season of work under his belt and a season that saw him steadily improve, Lomers will get his shot as the featured center this year, at least until Diene returns from his injury in a few weeks.

The 7-foot Boerne native will be leaned on for his size and presence in order to offset a lineup that will probably feature three guards for most of the season.

"That's really the strength of this team in that I don't think there's five guys that you just say, 'These are your starters,'" Drew said. "I think the strength of our team is you have several people who could start. So hopefully when we go to our bench we'll gain an advantage over other teams."

If Drew can get meaningful contributions off the bench from guys like Dugat and Dunn and the front court continues its steady improvement, expect that pesky 4-12 conference record to be a thing of the past.



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

<p>1. Perennial Big 12 power Kansas is scary good this year. The Jayhawks return four marquee starters off a team that won 33 games and lost in the Elite 8 last year. Kansas has all the pieces in place to win a national title this year, let alone the Big 12. Put it this way — seeing the Jayhawks run the table and go 16-0 in conference action wouldn't be a surprise.</p> 	<p>7. The Sooners only had nine scholarship players available for much of last season, which isn't even enough to field a 5-on-5 practice, and sported a 6-10 Big 12 record to match. The front court, featuring powerful 6-foot-11 senior Longar Longar, figures to be among the best in the conference. If the guards can step up, the Sooners could be better than advertised this year.</p> 
<p>2. The post-Kevin Durant era in Austin has begun, and things don't look nearly as bleak as one might expect. With First Team All-Big 12 guard D.J. Augustin leading an attack that features sharpshooter A.J. Abrams and a slimmed-down forward Dexter Pittman, expect Texas to be in the hunt for the "next-best team in the conference."</p> 	<p>8. The Huskers will go only as far as center Aleks Maric will take them. The first team All-Big 12 selection averaged 18 points and almost nine rebounds per game last year. After almost not returning last year, Maric figures to be one of the best big men in the country, let alone in the Big 12. But the reality of the Huskers reaching The Dance isn't quite as cheery.</p> 
<p>3. How do you rebound from losing a coach who molded the program (Billy Gillespie) and the best guard in the country last season (Acie Law)? Easy. By restocking with top-10 freshman forward DeAndre Jordan and returning one of the best shooters from range in the country in Josh Carter.</p> 	<p>9. How far the mighty have fallen. Numerous transfers and graduations, including the loss of Mario Boggan and James On Curry, have the Cowboys reeling this year. There will be seven newcomers making Division I debuts this year, so perhaps the most intriguing thing about the Cowboys is that nobody really knows how high, or how low, this team can go.</p> 
<p>4. Before Bob Huggins left Kansas State after just one season, he brought in perhaps the most heralded recruiting class in the nation with forwards Bill Walker and Michael Beasley headlining. Now the Wildcats are aiming higher as they present perhaps the second-best front court in the conference.</p> 	<p>10. While Tech reached the NCAA Tournament last year, it will have a hard time repeating that feat if senior standout Martin Zeno can't take over for graduated scoring machine Jarrius Jackson. All things considered, the NIT seems a much more reasonable expectation for Bob Knight than the NCAAs.</p> 
<p>5. Tigers head coach Mike Anderson will tell you he was a lot more nervous about this season before Vanderbilt transfer forward DeMarre Carroll finally signed in the off-season. The 6-foot-8 post player provides Missouri with something it was sorely lacking last year — inside presence. Expect this to be an improved squad.</p> 	<p>11. New head coach Jeff Bzdelik from Air Force will help the Buffaloes this year, but not as much as they need him to. The return of big scorer Richard Roby will give the offense a boost, but the team has almost no post presence. Colorado is about as thin as the Rocky Mountain air at just about every position.</p> 
<p>6. For all the talent Scott Drew has amassed, he still hasn't proven he can win the games. That aside, he's done a tremendous job of putting together a talented roster in a short time. With every starter returning, there's reason to believe the Bears can make a serious push at their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1988.</p> 	<p>12. Buckle up, Cyclones fans — this is going to be a long season. With the dismissal of the team's best scorer for disciplinary reasons, Iowa State's conference-worst scoring offense and shooting percentage will take a major hit.</p> 

Season schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11/11	Jackson State	Waco	7 p.m.
11/16	Wichita State	St. Thomas, Virgin Isl.	5 p.m.
11/17	Notre Dame/Monmouth	St. Thomas	7:30 p.m.
11/18	Notre Dame/Monmouth	St. Thomas	7:30 p.m.
11/19	Paradise Jam	St. Thomas	TBA
11/24	Centenary College	Waco	7 p.m.
11/30	Washington State	Waco	8 p.m.
12/03	Mississippi Valley State	Waco	7 p.m.
12/15	Wayland Baptist	Waco	8 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12/19	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	6:30 p.m.
12/21	Southern	Baton Rouge, La.	7 p.m.
12/29	Prairie View A&M	Waco	7 p.m.
12/31	Florida A&M	Waco	5 p.m.
1/5	Arkansas	Dallas	7:30 p.m.
1/8	Brown	Waco	7 p.m.
1/12	Iowa State	Waco	5 p.m.
1/15	Oklahoma State	Waco	7 p.m.
1/19	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	5 p.m.
1/23	Texas A&M	College Station	7 p.m.
1/26	Oklahoma	Waco	7 p.m.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/2	Texas	Austin	12:45 p.m.
2/6	Texas Tech	Waco	8 p.m.
2/9	Kansas	Lawrence, Kans.	7 p.m.
2/13	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7 p.m.
2/16	Texas	Waco	5 p.m.
2/19	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	7 p.m.
2/23	Kansas State	Waco	7 p.m.
2/27	Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	8:30 p.m.
3/1	Missouri	Waco	3 p.m.
3/5	Texas A&M	Waco	8 p.m.
3/8	Texas Tech	Lubbock	12:45 p.m.