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Briles announces recruits

Baylor signs new players to football team

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Head coach Art Briles cemented his first Baylor recruiting class Wednesday, adding 22 players to Baylor's roster in front of fans, alumni and media in the Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium.

"The thing that we look for as a staff is people who have a vision. We find guys who have confidence, but also guys who have vision, faith and hope," Briles said. "What we have to do is put product out there on the football field."

The Bears stocked their reserves, adding four quarterbacks, a kicker and three offensive linemen. That leaves Baylor with eight quarterbacks, three kickers and thirteen offensive linemen, of which five redshirted the previous year, on scholarship.

The top recruit of the class is Robert Griffin, the nation's No. 3 dual threat quarterback. He signed with the Bears in the fall and is already enrolled at Baylor, expecting to contribute in the fall.

"Many people underestimated his love for football and he surprised them when he took his team to the state championship," father Robert Griffin said of his son.

Rated a four-star recruit on Rivals.com, a prominent recruiting Web site, he is just the third four-star to enroll since 2002, following running back Paul Mosley and linebacker Earl Patin.

"He is the one that really puts that class over the top as far as quarterbacks. The skill set he possesses is up there with any of the quarterbacks," said Jason Howell, publisher of recruiting Web site Sitemsports.com.

Nick Florence, a quarterback from South Garland High School; defensive end Gary Mason of Waxahachie High School; and Jarred Salubi, a running back from Waco High School, rounded out the top February recruits.

Florence, the salutatorian of his senior class, will likely redshirt, he said. His 6-foot-2-inch frame currently supports just 167 pounds.

"Right now we're kind of playing it all by ear," Florence said. "It's just more incentive to work harder."

Florence ran the spread - in high school, adding to his worth as a future Baylor signal-caller.

"He's just an incredible player for us, not just talent alone, but his leadership skills, his character, his intelligence," South Garland head coach Mikey Moss said. "With Nick we've always had big games, whether it's against rival Garland, Longview, or when we went three rounds deep."

He will have to compete with the University of Miami-Florida's senior quarterback Kirby Freeman, who found a home with the Bears.

Baylor's kickers struggled on both field goals and kickoffs, hitting just six of 14 field goal attempts, but the inclusion of Argyle native Ben Parks might change that.

Parks hit 11 of 17 field goals last fall, his longest being a 46-yarder. He was also the kickoff specialist, knocking 40 of his 90 kickoffs through the end zone.

"Ben's an awesome character kid. He has been an all-state kicker for the past two years. He's a good hard worker," Argyle coach Todd Rodgers

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Bright prospects



Morgan Cantrell/The Miami Hurricane

Kirby Freeman

- QB — University of Miami-Florida
- From 2005-2007, Freeman played for the Miami Hurricanes, passing for 12 touchdowns and 16 interceptions in 22 games as a backup.
- In 2006, Freeman passed for 272 yards, two touchdowns and an interception in a 21-20 victory over the University of Nevada at the MPC Computers Bowl in Boise, Idaho.

Gary Mason, Jr.

- DE — Waxahachie High School
- Played defensive end in high school, but also scored three touchdowns in a limited role as tight end.
- Tore his ACL his junior year, but made a full recovery.
- Also played basketball in high school.



Neal White/Waxahachie Daily Light

Jarred Salubi

- RB — Waco High School
- Earned Associated Press honorable mention Class 4A all-state honors.
- His senior year, Salubi ran for 1306 yards and 15 touchdowns.
- Also anchored Waco High's 4x100 state championship relay team, which clocked the No. 5 time in the nation.



Courtesy of Waco High Yearbook

From top: Kirby Freeman practices Oct. 2, 2007, at the University of Miami-Florida. Gary Mason, Jr. in action against the Highland Park Scots on Sept. 1, 2007, at Texas Stadium. Jarred Salubi runs against Wylie High in the 2007 H-E-B Heart O' Texas Kickoff Classic at WISD Stadium in Waco.

For a complete list of the 2008 recruiting class, please see page 7.

4-star QB brought to BU

Rivals.com ranks Bears' quarterback class as fourth in nation

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

With four quarterbacks in this year's recruiting class, it's likely Baylor will have eight quarterbacks on its 2008 roster.

But no matter who is taking snaps under center when the Bears take the field this fall for the first time against Wake Forest University, the pressure of turning around Baylor's football program will be pinpointed on him.

Former Baylor head coach Guy Morriss was unable to recruit a quarterback who could lead the Bears to a Big 12 victory. New

head coach Art Briles hopes to change the trend.

If the recruiting experts are prophetic at all, the 2008 recruiting class could be the foundation of a Baylor revitalization. The Bears' quarterback class: Copperas Cove's Robert Griffin, Garland's Nick Florence, Brownwood's Kirby Freeman and Marlin's Jeremy Sanders is ranked fourth in the nation by Rivals.com. But the ranking does not even incorporate Freeman and Sanders because they are transfers.

"The quarterback is definitely the strength of the class," said Jason Howell, publisher of recruiting Web site Sitemsports.com. "In the past you couldn't have said that with what Coach Morriss was bringing in."

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Ruined village recovered

Professors work to preserve Sandtown demolished in 1960s

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

To the casual observer, Baylor's Law School and the surrounding buildings look like nothing more than shiny new buildings on top of a well-manicured lawn.

Dig down a few feet, however, and the story's a little different.

Remnants of the streets, homes and stores of Sandtown, a village bulldozed to make room for development, still exist two to three feet beneath the surface.

In the 1960s Waco chose to take part in a federally financed urban renewal program, and the Waco Urban Renewal Agency was created, said Carol Macaulay, a full-time lecturer in the department of anthropology, forensic science and archaeology.

Part of this agency's job was choosing areas around Waco to be demolished. Sandtown, an area extending along the Brazos River from where Baylor's campus currently sits to Interstate 35, was one of the areas chosen.

Today, Dr. Shane Prochnow, a research associate and lecturer in the geology department, is working with Macaulay to create digital images of the layout of Sandtown before its destruction.

Using Geographic Information Systems technology, Prochnow is able to locate within half a meter where buildings once stood, he said.

"What we did is we geo-referenced the map," Prochnow said. "We took these old 1920s maps and we made them overlay with modern street maps of this area. So we're able to see where people's individual houses were at before they were bulldozed down and rebuilt upon."

With this map Macaulay is then able to locate homes of particular families, Prochnow said.

"She has all their ethnographic information; she's interviewed their descendents," he said. "Now she's able to go back and excavate and verify whatever claims they're making and their life history based on the artifacts she's finding."

The houses were in pretty bad condition, Macaulay said, and were thought to be eyesores and dilapidated.

"For instance, in a part of the neighborhood, a lot of the houses didn't have indoor plumbing and some of them didn't have electricity. They couldn't afford to have these services provided," Macaulay said.

The agency brought in three appraisers to go around and determine the land values for the areas they wanted to renovate. They then went back and made offers to the residents to buy their land.

"They came in and said, 'This is how much your house is worth; this is how much we'll give you,'" Macaulay said. "Waco had imminent domain over the land. They had no choice. They basically had to settle."

While a large portion of the residents did settle, there were others who chose to fight.

A group of business people within the meat

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Waco weather normal, meteorologist says

By Lee Ann Marcel
Reporter

Texas weather can't seem to make up its mind. A cold front blew in Tuesday night, reminding us that it's still February. With the cold front came a quick series of thunderstorms, catching many students in the sudden rain. Though the storms blew into Waco, they didn't last long and soon the sun came back out.

Matt Hines chief meteorologist at Channel 25 KXXV said

the recent windy weather has been due to the movement of a series of storms in the north bringing a drier windy air from Colorado.

He also mentioned that there was really no connection to the recent tornadoes in the north. Hines said it's not uncommon for Waco to see severe weather like the storms on Tuesday during the season.

The next couple of days are predicted to be sunny and pleasant, with temperatures in the 60s and 70s.

Tornadoes rip through the South, kill 54

By Ryan Lenz
The Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, Tenn. — One man pulled a couch over his head. Bank employees rushed into the vault. A woman trembled in her bathroom, clinging to her dogs. College students huddled in dormitories.

Tornado warnings had been broadcast for hours, and when the sirens finally announced that the twisters had arrived, many people across the South took shelter and saved their lives. But others simply had nowhere safe to go, or the storms proved too powerful, too numerous, too unpredictable.

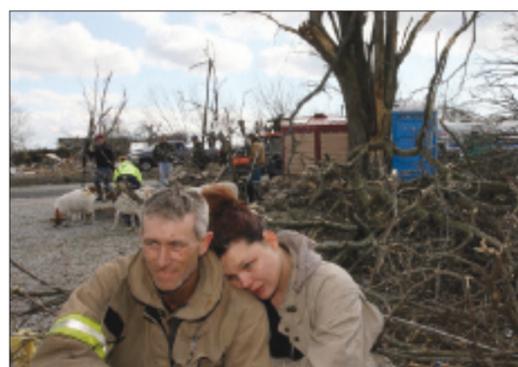
At least 54 people were killed

and hundreds injured Tuesday and Wednesday by dozens of tornadoes that plowed across Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. It was the nation's deadliest barrage of twisters in almost 23 years.

"We had a beautiful neighborhood. Now it's hell," said Bonnie Brawner, 80, who lives in Hartsville, a community about an hour from Nashville where a natural gas plant that was struck by a twister erupted in spectacular flames up to 400 feet high.

The storms flattened entire streets, smashed warehouses and sent tractor-trailers flying. Houses

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Associated Press

Volunteer fireman Adrian DeBruin sits Wednesday with Carrie DeBruin Wednesday among tornado damage in Lafayette, Tenn.

Haitian Mardi Gras celebration has dark roots

It's February in the New Orleans French Quarter and the streets are filled with tourists who gather to celebrate Mardi Gras. But just what is Mardi Gras?

From the French words for "Tuesday" and "fatty," the holiday started when Rome first acknowledged Christianity. The early Church fathers decided it would be better to incorporate certain aspects of pagan rituals into the new faith rather than attempt to abolish them altogether. Mardi Gras was created as a time to indulge before Lent, a season of purity, began.

Mardi Gras is celebrated internationally, and for the past two years I have experienced it firsthand. My family has been

living and serving in Haiti as missionaries. Port-au-Prince, the nation's capital, and home to over a quarter of the Maryland-sized nation's 8 million, literally shuts down for the weeks preceding and following Mardi Gras.

In Haiti, it is known as Karamival; festivities throughout the week include live music, dancing, drinking, gambling and huge masses of people gathering to do all of the above.

It is a dangerous time for expatriates. We avoid going into town to avoid drunken-induced riots, increased instability and the masses of people partaking in the celebrations. Though I love Haiti and the Haitian people, Mardi Gras is always a very

point of view



BY BRITT BERG

discouraging time.

We are forced by Haitian law to close our American-run primary school, only to allow the children time to spend with their drinking family members. Adding to the chaos is Haiti's practice of the religion of Voodoo.

Though it has been depicted by Hollywood as a superstitious faith, complete with dolls and pins, this is not very accurate.

Voodoo practice differs from country to country, but the core beliefs of Voodoo as a whole are similar. While it does include curses and superstition, devil worship dominates the faith.

Keeping this in mind, I was taken aback by the sign reading "Voodoo lounge" hung as part of Tuesday's Mardi Gras festivities at Collins Café.

I was aware of the dining hall's plans to decorate. However, I never really thought the decorations would broach the more serious aspects of the holiday.

This struck me as odd. Voodoo is not something to be taken lightly. I have witnessed Voodoo dictate the lives of its dedicated believers; the faith's grip can

be a paralyzing one. The devil, through the use of superstitions and curse, has a claim on many souls in Haiti as a result of this misleading faith.

Why are we taking so lightly the faith of Voodoo and pairing it with a noun known for temptation, drinking, smoking and generally sinful behavior?

I hope I don't come across as judgmental. I'm sure that whoever planned the celebrations had pure intentions and hoped to give American kids some culture and spice up the usually mundane cafeteria life.

Besides the ignorance about Voodoo, what strikes a false chord with me is that Mardi Gras, whether you choose to acknowledge it or not, is a cel-

ebration of gluttony and a day characterized by sinful behavior.

I have nothing against celebrating different holidays as a chance to experience different cultures, but I see it as unfitting to place such emphasis on a day promoting sinful behavior and overindulgence.

If we must celebrate, fine, but I wonder how essential this holiday is to a Christian university founded on principles that directly contradict Mardi Gras.

It is important to remember that casual references hold more serious meanings — ones that could possibly misrepresent Baylor and its core beliefs.

Britt Berg is a freshman biology major from LaDigue, Haiti.

Editorial

Nanny state needs to back off

Most states used to be content to collect your taxes, build your Interstate and teach your children. But now an increasingly large number want to be your overprotective mother, too. Take Mississippi, for example.

Deep in the heart of Dixie and famed for its rich soul food, the overwhelming majority of its population is either overweight or obese. The state legislators' proposed solution for such a problem? Banning the obese from restaurants.

A new bill in the state's House of Representatives "would allow health inspectors to revoke the license of any restaurant that 'repeatedly' feeds extremely overweight people," according to the *Telegraph*. Criteria for determining which paying customers get kicked to the curb would be decided by the state's health department and then "sent to all restaurants."

The legislators proposing the bill have to realize this is more of a gimmick than a real remedy for the serious, expensive and complex problem of widespread obesity.

In the first place, the state has no right to dictate which adult customers a legitimate business like a restaurant can and can't serve. Moreover, restaurants offer healthy options all the time, and for many working people, eating on the go is their only option.

Maybe instead of targeting restaurants giving customers what they want, the state of Mississippi should focus on the rapidly expanding waist-



lines of children and work on an area it actually has jurisdiction: school lunches. The National School Lunch Program requires that meals follow the Dietary Guidelines of America, but the guidelines offer no groundbreaking keys to improving health.

But the bill is less frightening because of its actual implications than because of the mentality that inspired it. Mississippi is only following in the footsteps of controlling city councils

such as those of New York City, Los Angeles, and Belmont, Calif., where smoking in your own apartment is illegal.

It's a comforting thought that lawmakers care and want to protect adults from themselves, but in most cases the staggering cost of obesity on a state's health care system has something to do with the matter. And it should.

But instead of taking time to introduce bills bound to fail, maybe leg-

islators should encourage businesses with health plans to give their employees more benefits for losing weight, or even introduce financial incentives for people determined to slim down. Money is proven to work as a motivator. The track record of prohibition, on the other hand, is nothing to admire. States should stop introducing silly laws and restrictions that do nothing to address the real causes behind their woes.

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Letters to the editor

Wage gap not women's fault

I take great offense at Claire St. Amant's statement that "ladies aren't a very good investment" in the workplace. I find her entire argument sexist, poorly considered, unfair and insulting.

It is insulting on a personal level and equally insulting to the thousands of extraordinary young women at Baylor who dream of fairly-paid, fulfilling careers and a just society.

It is widely accepted that a woman earns 77 cents for every dollar her equally-qualified male counterpart earns. Women of color earn even less.

This is for women and men working the same job, full-time

and with equal hours, not part-time or on maternity leave. Spin it any way you want; this is sexual discrimination.

This year's graduating female seniors will make \$1.2 million less than their equally-degreed male colleagues over their lifetimes.

Let's not blame men for workplace discrimination; let's blame unfair societal expectations. As women, we're expected to do everything, and not "cause any problems" and look good while doing it.

Women must choose between work and family, or struggle to handle both. Men don't have to make this choice.

I can't remember the last time I heard of a male executive being

asked how he juggled work and family commitments.

Shame on Claire for implying that the wage gap is somehow the fault of women.

In her argument, she fails to recognize that the wage gap is caused by a number of factors (not just women "choosing" to do laundry instead of work).

These include occupational segregation (women tend to be hired into lower-paying fields, like childcare and teaching, whereas men often work in engineering and technology).

Also, men are given more credit for their work. Numerous studies have indicated that men's work is repeatedly evaluated as "better" than women's, even if the woman's work is in

fact superior.

Let's not forget that corporate America is still a boy's club. As of last year, just twelve of the Fortune 500 companies were run by women.

Men have fewer responsibilities outside of the workplace. They climb the corporate ladder over beers while the women do the dishes. How is a woman supposed to break into this elusive circle?

Women are so much more than investments. They provide immeasurable value to companies, but more importantly, manage our families and mother our future leaders.

Equal pay isn't "progressive"; it's a human right. Let's fully recognize and equally reward the

invaluable work that women do in the workplace and at home. That is an investment worth making.

Ashley Kinkead
Public Relations 2009

Waco rejuvenation misled

While I commend the Chamber of Commerce, development companies and businesses that are part of the new downtown Waco rejuvenation project, I have to wonder about a few things.

It seems that the Chamber is forgetting that a few blocks down the road is part of the most economically depressed part of Waco.

Why are we not funneling

money toward urban development there?

It would seem that once that part of town begins to improve, more people would be likely to want to go downtown.

Secondly, if Baylor students are supposedly working so hard to break the "bubble," why are we condoning a self-proclaimed "target for Baylor students"?

I believe that this just further the belief that Baylor students are superficial consumers with Daddy's credit card.

Until more for the permanent residents of Waco is done, it's more of a slap in the face than a move in the right direction for all parties involved.

Megan McKinney
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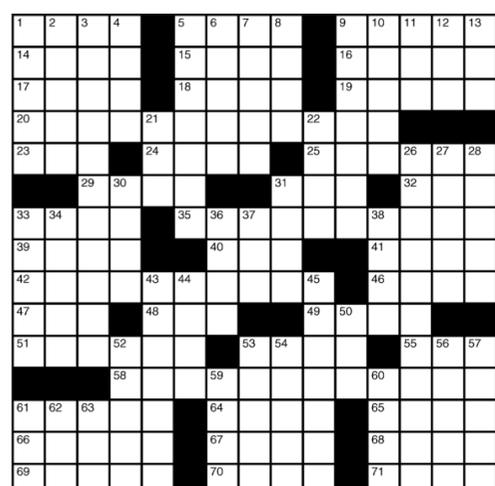
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Baylor's Campus Orchestra will perform at 6 p.m. today in Jones Concert Hall, in the Glennis McCrary Music Building. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information contact the Baylor School of Music at (254)710-3991.

Bear Backers, an organization that works to promote Baylor athletics, is having a meeting at 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Fentress Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center to discuss plans for the semester. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Claire_Darnell@baylor.edu or Mary_Krueger@baylor.edu

CHI'S Service Sorority is holding its spring Formal Rush at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. All women interested in rushing are encouraged to attend. Contact Brianna_McClane@baylor.edu for more information.

Alpha Phi Alpha is holding its annual "Battle on the Burning Sands" step show at 7 p.m. Saturday in Waco Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$15 at the Ticket Office in Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information contact Taryn_Ozuna@baylor.edu

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Texas hill country once home to pygmy dinosaurs

Geology students find Central Texas once dinosaur home

By Shannon Daily
 Staff writer

It may come as a shock to most central Texas residents to learn pygmy dinosaurs once inhabited their land.

Dr. Shane Prochnow's advanced Geographic Information Systems class has helped show how the land formations in the region changed through the years. The hills of the Texas hill country were once islands in a prehistoric ocean.

These islands were home to the dinosaurs in the region.

Prochnow's advanced GIS students took geological paper maps from the 1960s and created computer images of the rock units they depicted, said Prochnow, an associate researcher and a lecturer in the geology department.

By doing this, they were able to compare the maps to modern land formations and figure out exactly where the rock units are

located. On the old maps, the group would digitally outline each different layer of rock.

Since each layer of rock formed from sediment deposited by different types of water bodies during a different period of time, this then allowed them to digitally separate the layers of rock to see what the land formations looked like for specific time periods.

Basically, "by putting multiple generations of maps on top of one another you can actually see what it looked like back during the times of the dinosaurs," Houston senior and GIS student Kirstin Hartzell said.

That is exactly what the class did. Around 100 million years ago, central Texas was very close to the edge of the ocean, Prochnow said.

So the group separated the layers to find a time right as the ocean was beginning to cover North America, Prochnow said.

The class found during that time-slice, several islands existed where the Texas hill country is.

"And it's really interesting

"They were starting to become pygmy through time."

Dr. Shane Prochnow
 Associate researcher

because some researchers have noted that some of the last Sauropods that existed, these are the big four-legged brontosaurus looking type dinosaurs, existed in the central part of Texas and they were starting to become pygmy through time," Prochnow said.

Since the dinosaurs were starting to live on islands with much more limited resources, they began to shrink in size.

Anna Perry, a former Baylor graduate student who also worked on the project, said this type of research is important because it allows us to find where these places, formerly home to dinosaurs, are today.

"It's important to know about these organisms and where they're living and knowing about the dinosaurs if they were smaller if they did become pygmy," Perry said.

Bank of America robbery suspect to receive psychiatric evaluation

Christina Kruse
 Staff writer

The man arrested last week in relation to a Bank of America robbery has been ordered to undergo psychiatric evaluation.

U.S. Magistrate Jeffrey C. Manske ordered 27-year-old Marvin Goodlow Washington to be evaluated at a federal medical facility for up to 45 days. The evaluation will determine his ability to stand trial as well as his sanity during the time of the

alleged offense.

According to Waco police, a man entered Bank of America at 514 Austin Ave. shortly after 10 a.m. last Thursday.

After approaching one of the tellers, the man pretended to fill out paperwork in the lobby.

The man then went behind the counter and demanded money.

He threatened to stab one of the tellers if they did not give him money.

Officers later stopped Wash-

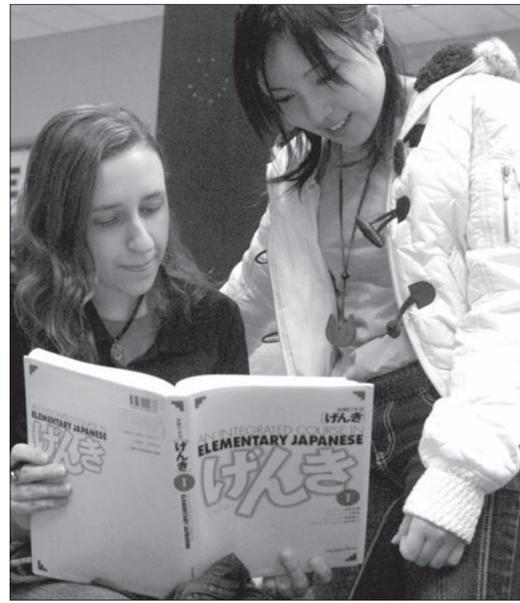
ington at Fourth Street and Austin Avenue and detained him without incident.

According to federal records, the robber left the bank with \$2,711.

Bank personnel identified Washington as the robber, according to Waco police.

According to Washington's lawyer, the evaluation is necessary.

The downtown Bank of America holds several students' accounts.



Alex Song /Lariat staff

Studying – Japanese style

Houston sophomore Renee Beran and Fukuoka, Japan exchange student Eriko Sata read *Elementary Japanese*, a textbook used for the introductory Japanese classes. The Japanese on the front reads "Genki," or lively or spirited.

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Community leaders offered new course for credit

By Sarah Rafique
Reporter

This spring marks the first semester of enabling community leaders to enroll in a training course and receive class credit.

"The accredited course is a shift in valuing student leaders," said Dave Rozeboom, assistant director for Resident Learning, north communities.

Some CLs said they think this training will bring them closer to each other.

"It's great when you get to learn together with other motivated students that share your goals," Boerne freshman Scott Neumann said. "I know that we are all going to grow into a family, and that prospect is fantastic."

The skills learned in Leadership Development 1101 are

not "new training," Trey Guinn, director of North Village Residential Community, said in an e-mail interview.

"The for-credit component of the course is an opportunity to honor the diligence and hard work that upcoming community leaders commit to their learning," Guinn said.

Training usually involves a "behind closed doors" session where students encounter practice scenarios including the following issues: depression, family, alcohol, weight issues and more, Rozeboom said.

"These practice scenarios are discussed with our professional staff so that our student leaders can be prepared," he said.

Despite their training, Guinn said CLs can't be prepared for everything.

"While our community

leaders are selected for their potential to promote and foster authentic relationships within our residence halls, we do not pretend that we are certified counselors equipped to provide professional care for life's most challenging circumstances," Guinn said.

Nairobi, Kenya, senior Tara Gitau, a CL in North Village, said the "approach requires us to know when we are not the most equipped to face a situation. Furthermore, we must know who to turn to."

Gitau said current CLs are not required to take the course, but have the opportunity to mentor future CLs by answering questions about what to expect, and reflect on their experiences.

According to a chart depicting the number of new and returning CL applicants, the

number of applicants has increased about 14 percent from the previous year, with a total of 373 applicants last fall.

"I hope to become someone that freshmen, or even other students, can look up to for help," San Antonio freshman Sam Riley said.

Nashville sophomore Michelle Piland is taking Leadership 1101 with Guinn as her teacher, and said it is her first experience with leadership training.

"I am very excited to be a community leader next year and I look forward to seeing campus life change in a positive way with the help of student leaders here at Baylor," Piland said. "Trey Guinn is a very creative and enthusiastic teacher. We all look up to Trey Guinn because he exemplifies the kind of leader

we would like to become."

One of the benefits of the course is that it allows community leaders to train an entire semester, rather than the previous eight-weeks, Guinn said.

The syllabus includes "(promoting) an appreciation for individual and group differences within the campus culture and sub-cultures, and engaging others in conversations that focus on values, morals and spiritual formation."

Keane Tarbell is the associate director for New Students Programs and teaches the BaylorBound section of the course. The 16 BaylorBound students who assist in welcoming new students are also required to take the class, Tarbell said.

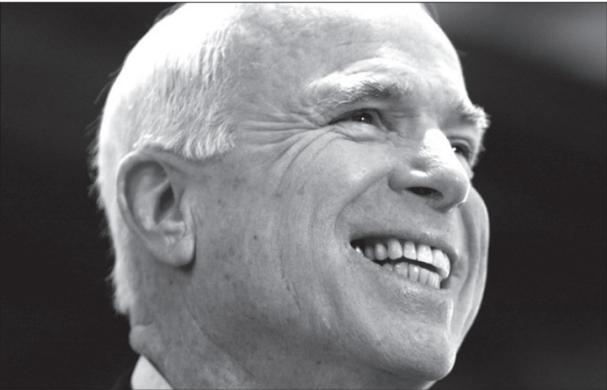
Previously, leaders were trained informally for a couple of days, but Tarbell said he

enjoys the opportunity to formally meet and get to know the leaders for an entire semester to build team camaraderie, leadership and friendship.

"Keane often reiterates that it's more about relationships and the getting to know each other on a deeper level than actually being so concerned with memorizing leadership types and styles," Round Rock sophomore Alexis Budd said. "The interesting thing is that all of the leaders are so diverse, and yet we have so much in common."

Chuck Eade, Allen and Davison residence hall director, said he thinks the program is off to a great start.

"We are looking forward to continuing to motivate and educate students on the role of a community leader position," he said.



Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., smiles at a press conference the morning after the Super Tuesday primary elections Wednesday in Phoenix. Boosted by his victories, McCain asked his loudest conservative critics to "calm down" and support his Republican presidential candidacy.

McCain nearing unbeatable lead for GOP

By David Espo
The Associated Press

Arizona Sen. John McCain padded his commanding delegate lead in the Republican presidential race Wednesday and urged conservative critics to cut him some slack.

In a Democratic surprise, Hillary Rodham Clinton disclosed she'd lent \$5 million to her cash-short campaign.

"And I think the results last night proved the wisdom of my investment," said the former first lady, one day after trading victories with Barack Obama in

a Super Tuesday string of contests from coast to coast.

The competition for Republican delegates was a runaway.

Nearly complete returns from Super Tuesday left McCain with 703 delegates, nearly 60 percent of the 1,191 needed to win the nomination at the national convention this summer.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had 293, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee 190 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul 14. Despite steadily lengthening odds, neither Romney nor Huckabee offered any hint they were ready to exit the race.

McCain said the nomination was his, though, and added he recognized there was work to be done to unify the party after acrimonious campaigning.

"I do hope that at some point we would just calm down a little bit and see if there's areas we can agree on," he said, one day in advance of an appearance before conservative activists who have shunned his candidacy.

The Democratic delegate count lagged, the result of party rules that shunned the type of winner-take-all primaries in states such as New York and New Jersey that helped McCain

build his advantage.

On Tuesday's busiest primary night in history, Clinton and Obama were separated by 40 delegates, with several hundred yet to be allocated.

Overall, that left Clinton with 1,024, and Obama with 933 delegates. Delegates still to be allocated included 25 in New Mexico, where Democratic caucuses remained too close to call.

With little time to rest, both Obama and Clinton pointed toward the next contests, primaries and caucuses over the next week, offering a total of 353 delegates.

Students to be taught on all-round job search

Baylor Business Women to hold forum on jobs, internships

By Victoria Turner
Reporter

Graduating seniors understand their majors and the requirements they need to meet to graduate. Yet, many of them forget what to do to get a job in their field as well as know about job availability, said Amber Robinson, staff analyst for West Coast Fuel Oil.

At 5 p.m. today, the Baylor Business Women will hold a forum in the Jones Student Lounge called "My major decision is major: meet major professors and major professionals."

During the forum, professors and professionals in the field will represent different business majors. The speakers will go over the major courses, internships and various career opportunities.

"It's hosted by Business Women, but not only targeted to business women," Nairobi, Kenya, senior Tara Gitau said. "It's not just for business students or women. It's for people who are thinking of doing a major or minor in business or people who haven't decided on their major yet."

According to an e-mail sent to the organization members by Duarte, Calif., senior Nicole Anderson, Baylor Business Women's president, the forums give business students a chance

to be involved in an informal, personal environment with other business students, professors and professionals. Not only do the forums involve networking, but the students can also learn skills they will need in the business world, Anderson said.

The organization uses these forums as a tool for the development of their members and business students.

"It's a great panel of women who are really committed to the development of business women in all aspects, from education to actually practicing in the business world to spiritual development," Gitau said.

Robinson graduated with a major in finance and will be speaking about her experiences at ConocoPhillips, an inte-

grated energy company. She will describe the job and how it relates to the finance major.

Robinson hopes that the students will leave with "a better understanding of what the finance major entails and the job opportunities available to finance graduates."

Along with talking about when to apply for internships, she said she hopes that this "feedback" will show the students what they should be looking for when searching for a job or an internship, and what jobs they should consider for their major.

Robinson said she wants the students to leave with an understanding of the importance of internships and how to get them.

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Bears beat Raiders, 80-74

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Curtis Jerrells scored 16 points while Josh Lomers scored a career-high 14 and Baylor spoiled Pat Knight's coaching debut Wednesday night with an 80-74 win over Texas Tech University at the Ferrell Center.

The Bears (17-4; 5-2) snapped their first two-game losing skid of the season and appear to have taken a road that could lead them back to the top in a neck-and-neck Big 12 title chase.

"It wasn't our best performance, but it was great to see some of our bench guys and our front line step up," head coach Scott Drew said. "We did do some positive things on the boards, we got to the free throw line and did some things we were trying to do our last two games."

Knight, coaching for the first time since his father Bob unexpectedly resigned his position Monday as Texas Tech's head coach, was noticeably less vocal than his outspoken father but his team played much of the same screen-based, motion-heavy offense and hounding man-to-man defense.

It just wasn't enough against a Baylor offense that shot 52.3 percent from the field and led for the entire second half.

"I can't complain. For my first game, to get that kind of effort is all I can ask," said Knight,

whose father also lost his head coaching debut at Army in 1965. "That's what you want from your players, is effort."

After dealing with the media frenzy for the past two days surrounding his ascension to his first ever head coaching job, Knight was just happy to get on the court.

"It was a blast. I haven't had this much fun since I played," said Knight, who pumped John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson through his iPod headphones before the game to clear his head. "I haven't felt this much nervousness or energy since I was lacing up playing for my dad."

Knight and Drew both allowed that the game hinged on the first five minutes of the second half. Baylor went on a 12-4 run and led by as many as 14 by the 8:30 mark.

"Our defensive intensity picked up a little bit and once you get a couple turnovers and get some easy baskets, it gets you excited to play some more defense," Drew said.

But like in the Texas game last weekend, a 14-point lead dissipated almost as soon as it appeared. Behind junior guard Alan Voskuil's four second-half three pointers and Mike Singletary's ability to slash to the rim, Tech cut into the lead and whittled it down to 70-67 with about 3:30 to go.

But instead of yielding to the



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

Horsham, Australia guard Aaron Bruce pushes past Tech's guard Charlie Burgess at the Ferrell Center Wednesday night. The Bears broke a three-game losing streak against the Raiders.

pressure as they did the last time they were here, the Bears pushed back. Jerrells hit a jumper from the left corner to push Baylor's lead out to 74-68, and three consecutive successful trips to the foul line by Baylor helped put the game on ice.

Drew preached to his team all week about the rebounding disparity that plagued Baylor in recent outings. The Bears lost their last two games and were out-rebounded in both. Thanks in large part to the efforts of an energized Lomers, Baylor won the rebounding battle to a tune of 35-26.

Baylor fans were treated to an uncommon start to the game. Lomers, averaging under two points per game over his last

six games, scored Baylor's first eight points and kept the offense warm until Jerrells scored at the 14:07 mark, the first points for a Baylor guard. Lomers sat the rest of the half but returned to a resounding applause later.

"Josh had one of his best games," Drew said. "He really played well and kept us in it early."

Now the Bears will be able to head north to face the conference-leading Kansas Jayhawks without carrying a three-game losing streak with them.

"Two in a row is bad enough," Jerrells said. "We've got two tough road games coming up, and coming off a win we wanted to have some confidence and just get ready for those two games."

Nine seniors sign to Baylor soccer

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

Marci Miller Jobson may have just accepted the Baylor soccer head coaching job two months ago, but she's already made significant headway on the recruiting trail.

Jobson announced Wednesday the signing of nine high school seniors to letters of intent to play soccer for Baylor this fall.

Eight members of the class are Texas recruits and will try and fill the gap left by seven graduating seniors this year.

"I really think there are a lot of young ladies out there like myself that are looking for that special fit," said Jobson, who accepted the Baylor job on Dec. 6. "So that is my goal, to build a program where we can compete with the top of the Big 12 and compete with some of the top teams in the country."

Jobson touched briefly on all of her recruits Wednesday, most of whom have experience playing on championship-level club teams and award-winning high school squads. Jobson emphasized the versatility of her class.

One thing that ties the class together, she said, was an overwhelming desire to be a part of a program in the initial stages of a massive rebuilding phase.

But Jobson remained upbeat about the team's prospects, especially considering the depth she

said is present in Baylor's newest recruiting class, her first at Baylor.

"They are all players that have a lot of athleticism, a lot of speed, quickness," Jobson said. "They can play various positions for our team."

Underscoring that notion is the fact that five members of the class are listed at multiple positions.

Jobson later added that the soccer program is already counting potential recruits as far as two years down the line. Jobson's approach is to get to the recruits early in the high school careers and grab their allegiance. "We recruit sophomores and juniors to make commitments to our program," Jobson said. "I'm really excited about the young ladies that have come and visited the campus."

Jobson took over for George Van Linder, who left Baylor in November with a five-year record of 31-52-9 and just one post-season appearance during that span.

Jobson will be looking to guide Baylor to its first Big 12 title since 1998 with nine new players and six graduated seniors. Jobson is confident that her efforts on the recruiting trail and a new training regimen will be enough to get the wheels moving on improvement.

"There are no shortcuts to success and (the team) is working very hard," she said.

Phoenix Suns sign slow but once-mighty giant Shaquille O'Neal

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns have acquired Shaquille O'Neal in a stunning, blockbuster deal that sends four-time All-Star Shawn Marion and Marcus Banks to the Miami Heat.

The improbable pairing of the speedy Suns and the slow but once-mighty O'Neal became official when he cleared a physical exam Wednesday.

The trade, a dramatic move

by first-year Phoenix general manager Steve Kerr, signals an unexpected change in philosophy for the Suns, adding a 7-foot-1, 325-pound center who has won four NBA championships but has been plagued by injuries in recent years and turns 36 next month. O'Neal has been out with a hip injury and underwent an MRI exam in Miami on Tuesday. He flew to Phoenix on Wednesday for the physical.

"I'm well aware that I'm on the line," Kerr told The Associ-

ated Press. "That's my job. That's why I'm sitting in this seat. I'm comfortable with the decision. I think it gives us a better chance to win, and a better chance to win in the playoffs."

O'Neal has averaged 25.6 points and 11.5 rebounds in his 14-plus NBA seasons.

This season, plagued by injuries and going through a divorce, he's averaging 14.2 points. His 14-year streak as an All-Star choice came to an end this year.

He missed much of the

2006-07 season with a knee injury and finished that year with career-lows in games (40), scoring (17.3 points), rebounds (7.4), minutes (28.4) and free-throw percentage (.422).

"It was a very, very hard decision for me. When Shaq came to the team four years ago, I always felt it was forever. We won a championship with him. We wish him nothing but the best," Riley said. "We have to move on with our team. We're rebuilding. This is not the most desirable place to be right now."

The Heat have lost 19 of their last 20 games and have the NBA's worst record at 9-37.

Phoenix gambled that Shaq will be healthy and more motivated when he moves to the desert.

For the three-plus seasons since Steve Nash came to town, the Suns have been darlings of NBA fans grown weary of the slow style that has prevailed for years.

The addition of O'Neal doesn't necessarily put the brakes on the running game,

Kerr said.

"We ran when Kurt Thomas was here. He got the rebound, and everybody else ran down the court," Kerr said. "We're still going to run, but we feel like we'll have a better half-court team."

The trade required a significant financial commitment from the budget-conscious owner Robert Sarver because O'Neal is scheduled to make \$20 million this season and \$20 million more each of the next two.



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said. The Bears' offensive line, which was the most consistent cog in the offensive machine, comes back with added depth. Four of five starters return along with five redshirted players. Southlake-Carroll's Jake Jackson; Senatobia, Miss., transfer Rodney Brisbon; LaMarque's Brandon Garrett and Friendswood's Cameron Kaufhold round out the class.

"(Jackson's) one of our best leaders, he's a very intelligent player. He's got a great work ethic," Carroll coach Hal Wasson said. Jackson, who played four years for the Dragons' spread offense, has experience in the system and has played multiple positions on the line. "He played guard one year. We had to move him out to tackle once and he played well," Wasson said.

Immediate Impact

Baylor's immediate needs come on the defensive end, where graduation decimated the secondary. Just one cornerback returns from last season's squad, and Baylor only signed two defensive backs — cornerback Michael Williams of Beaumont-West Brook and Trentson Hill, a safety from Mount Pleasant.

"He was always covering the team's best receiver. He was just our playmaker," Mount Pleasant coach Jimmy Thompson said of Hill. "We didn't play a whole lot of man, we played mostly zone, but his biggest strength is his competitiveness. He just didn't want to come off the field. Offense,

"I don't think there's any doubt (Salubi) will contribute in spots."

Johnny Tusa
Waco High head coach

defense, special teams, he played them all."

Graduation also hit the defensive line, but three newcomers might make a sudden impact. Mason is the lone defensive end of the class, but Jared Edwards of Mansfield and Kaeron Johnson of Cuero bulk the tackle position.

"Baylor did it from day one. I feel really comfortable. When I went up there to visit I feel like I fit right in hanging out with the players and the coaches and everything," Mason said.

Mason will probably have to red-shirt, he said, but expects to push his limits to make the team.

"The speed will be the biggest adjustment at defensive end," he said.

With his 6-foot-5-inch frame, he will be able to contribute soon.

"He's a very talented and a big kid. There aren't a lot of guys walking around that big that can do what he does," Briles said.

On the offensive side of the ball, running back Jarred Salubi of Waco High School might earn playing time.

With just Jacoby Jones and Jay Finley ahead of him on the depth chart, the former Lion will probably see some time.

"I don't think there's any doubt he'll contribute in spots," head coach

Johnny Tusa said. "He's kind of a speed guy. He operates really well in space and has good hands."

That speed and explosiveness helped the Lions push to a state final appearance in 2006, as well as helping to claim the nation's No. 5, 4x100-meter relay.

"He had a few of those — what we call 'ooh and ahh' plays," Tusa said.

Surprises

No national signing day would be complete without surprises, and Baylor has had its share. Last year, offensive lineman Lonnie Edwards decommitted from the Bears the week before signing day but linebacker Earl Patin filled his spot, verbally on the final weekend. This year would be no different.

Lester Ward, a highly touted running back, switched commitments from Baylor to the University of Nebraska, while Kaeron Johnson, Brandon Garrett and Kendall Wright signed with the Bears.

Even a surprise from Canada came through the pipeline. Fredric Plesius, an inside linebacker from Lennoxville, Quebec, signed with the Bears.

"He's a big kid from Canada. They really feel like it's a great opportunity to play football in America, in Texas and in the Big 12," Briles said.

While most players already know their relative positions on the field, Kendall Wright of Pittsburg and Jeremy Sanders of Corsicana have the talent to play in multiple slots.

"Like Griffin, Sanders is a very strong athlete. That's a very strong class," Howell said.

Baylor 2008 Football Recruiting Class

Recruit	Position	Height	Weight	Rivals.com ranking	Hometown
Robert Griffin	QB	6' 3"	195	****	Copperas Cove
Romie Blaylock	WR	5' 10"	170	***	Cedar Hill
Rodney Brisbon	OL	6' 6"	330	***	Senatobia, Miss.
Nick Florence	QB	6' 2"	167	***	Garland
Gary Mason	DE	6' 5"	211	***	Waxahachie
Laneer Sampson	WR	6' 0"	192	***	Mesquite
Jeremy Sanders	ATH	6' 2"	210	***	Corsicana
Mike Williams	CB	6' 0"	170	***	Beaumont
Kendall Wright	ATH	5' 11"	163	***	Pittsburg
Rodney Chadwick	LB	6' 2"	189	**	Carthage
Jared Edwards	DE	6' 4"	250	**	Mansfield
Brandon Garrett	OL	6' 7"	290	**	LaMarque
Trentson Hill	DB	6' 0"	177	**	Mount Pleasant
Jake Jackson	OL	6' 3"	263	**	Southlake
Kaeron Johnson	DE	6' 2"	265	**	Cuero
Cameron Kaufhold	OL	6' 5"	275	**	Friendswood
Ben Parks	K	6' 2"	195	**	Argyle
Fredric Plesius	LB	6' 1"	243	**	Lennoxville, Quebec
Tracy Robertson	DE	6' 4"	230	**	Houston
Jarred Salubi	RB	5' 10"	195	**	Waco
T.J. Scranton	WR	5' 11"	180	**	Kilgore
Terrance Williams	WR	6' 3"	185	**	Dallas

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Freeman, a transfer from the University of Miami-Florida, and Griffin, a four-star recruit from Copperas Cove High School, highlight the class.

While at Miami, Freeman completed 74 of 139 passes (53.2 percent) for 1,055 yards, nine touchdowns and 10 interceptions in a span of two seasons which included being named the most valuable player of the 2006 MPC Computers Bowl.

"Kirby brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table," Briles said. "We are pleased that he chose Baylor. It is good that he got to come back home to Texas. It's a situ-

ation where I know he's hungry to make a statement, just like Baylor football is."

Griffin was an original University of Houston commitment. But when Briles made the move to Baylor so did Griffin.

Griffin, who is 6-foot-3 and 200 pounds, starred at Copperas Cove High School, where he led the Bulldogs to the 4A State Finals in both his junior and senior seasons.

"I don't think he has hit his peak," said Jack Welch, Griffin's high school coach. "He has a lot to improve on. He has got the athleticism that you can't teach. Now if he can get the technique and the special coaching, there is no telling how good he can become."

Griffin's athleticism can be further proven by his success on the track. As a junior, Griffin was named the Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award after setting state records in both the 110-meter and the 300-meter hurdles. His 300 hurdles time of 35.33 seconds was one-hundredth of a second off the national prep record. If it was not for Griffin's decision to enroll early at Baylor, many believe Griffin would have broken the record this spring.

During his senior season for the Bulldawgs' football team, Griffin tallied eye-catching numbers. He rushed for 1,285 yards and 24 touchdowns while passing for 1,356 yards and 16 touchdowns. Some don't believe

Griffin's arm is Big 12 caliber. But Griffin's dad said the critics are wrong.

"Many people that have seen him throw the football are surprised," Robert Griffin, Jr. said. "They were more run-oriented in high school. But it actually benefited him because it made him decrease his arm strength and elevate his level. He realizes that all the training he did during the season and after the season is very beneficial."

Even more important than Griffin's athletic ability is his demeanor. The son of a military man, Griffin is the type of kid coaches dream of.

"He has a built-in level of conditioning," Griffin's dad said. "If he feels like he falls below it,

he will be working whenever everyone else is sleeping. He always has a clear idea of what the goal is and what it takes to get there."

Florence committed to Baylor while Morriss was still coaching. Like Griffin, Florence prides himself on being a student of the game.

But at a mere 175 pounds, Florence knows he has to get bigger if he wants to play at the next level.

"It's just more incentive to work harder," the South Garland native said. "I think it's awesome seeing these guys in college now that were underdogs and under-sized."

Baylor's final quarterback commitment Jeremy Sanders,

comes in as an athlete. The Navarro College transfer originally committed to Baylor as a senior at Marlin, but the former three-star recruit enrolled at Navarro instead. At 6-feet-2 inches and 210 pounds, Sanders runs a 4.45 40-yard dash.

With the combination of size and speed, some think a switch to the defensive side of the ball could be in Sanders' future, especially with a Baylor defense that is depleted due to graduation.

"Jeremy is an outstanding athlete," Briles said. "He's proven himself over the years at both the high school and junior college levels, so we see him stepping in and having the opportunity to prove himself at Baylor."

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Legendary comedy tour to light up Waco with laughter

By Jade Ortego
Reporter

If you'd like to see tomorrow's big names in comedy perform before they're inaccessible, keep Saturday night open.

The Second City improvisational comedy troupe will be at the Waco Hippodrome Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturday to share its trademark brand of humor with Waco. Improvisational comedy is a type of theater in which the material is generated spontaneously, often by interacting with the audience.

Since its creation in 1959, the group has produced some of the most recognizable comedians in show business. Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Chris Farley, Tina Fey, Mike Myers, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner and Joan Rivers are just a few Second City alumni. The people most associated with the fame and halcyon days of the television show *Saturday Night Live* were culled from Second City.

The troupe is founded on social and political satire, and Saturday's show will stay true to those roots, performer Seth Weitberg said.

He said the touring event, "One Nation, Under Blog," is a collection of skits that mock the peculiarity of American culture and our interactions with one another.

This performance will touch on politics but it is mainly social satire, Weitberg said.

"The world we've made is kind of the refrain of the show," he said.

Crafted, rehearsed sketches like those on *Saturday Night Live* and improvisational skits make up the 2-act show. The two types of performances are distinct.

"When we do improv, it's obvious because we'll go out to the audience," Weitberg said.

The six comedians on stage are aided by a piano for musical accompaniment and the viewers are used as a source for material centered on loose themes. Though it requires outsider

input, the show is tightly organized and produced.

"We've worked really hard to get it to the place that it's at," Weitberg said. "The balance between improv and scripted material is what makes Second City so great."

Scott Baker, executive director of the Hippodrome, said Second City is the best comedy show the Hippodrome has seen.

"This is where all of today's important comedians come from," Baker said. "It'll be cool to see who (of the performers) will be somebody in 10 years. Everybody is stoked."

Spring Senior Cody Cobb, who co-hosts an unnamed "informal weekly improv get-together," said he is particularly excited for Saturday's event.

"It will be interesting to try to pick out the future stars," Cobb said.

Tickets for Saturday's show range from \$19 to \$35 and can be purchased at the Hippodrome or online at www.etix.com.

Medical examiner rules Ledger died of accidental pill overdose

Family says death a "caution to dangers of prescription drugs"

By Amy Westfield
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Heath Ledger died of an accidental overdose of painkillers, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medication and other prescription drugs, the New York City medical examiner said Wednesday.

The cause of death was "acute intoxication by the combined effects of oxycodone, hydrocodone, diazepam, temazepam, alprazolam and doxylamine," spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said in a statement.

The medical examiner's office only provided generic names, so it is unknown whether he took generic or brand-name drugs.

Police had said they found six types of prescription drugs, including sleeping pills and anti-anxiety medication, in Ledger's apartment. Oxycodone is a painkiller marketed as OxyContin and used in other painkillers such as Percodan and Percocet; hydrocodone is used in a number of painkillers, including Vicodin.

Diazepam and alprazolam are the generic names for the anti-anxiety drugs Valium and Xanax.

The other two drugs are sleep aids commonly sold under the brands Restoril and Unisom.

Borakove wouldn't say what concentrations of each drug were found in Ledger's blood, or whether one drug played a greater part than another in causing his death.

"What you're looking at here is the cumulative effects of these

OBITUARY

Rising star mourned

Heath Ledger, the Australian-born 28-year-old actor, was found dead Jan. 22 in a Manhattan apartment.

Born — Apr. 4, 1979

Career

1995: Joins the Globe Shakespeare Company in Sydney

1998: Moves to the U.S.

1999: Stars in "10 Things I Hate About You"

1999: Cast in the Revolutionary War drama "The Patriot"

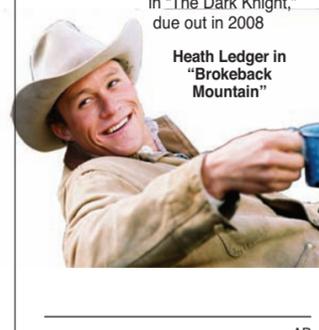
2001: Stars in "A Knight's Tale"; plays in "Monster's Ball"

2004: Stars in "Ned Kelly"; works on "The Lords of Dogtown"

2005: Stars in "The Brothers Grimm"; "Brokeback Mountain" released

2006: Nominated for a best-actor Oscar for "Brokeback Mountain"; stars in "Candy"

2007: "I'm Not There" opens; plays in "The Dark Knight," due out in 2008



Heath Ledger in "Brokeback Mountain"

Arrangements for the funeral were private.

In a statement released through Ledger's publicist, the actor's father, Kim, said Wednesday: "While no medications were taken in excess, we learned today the combination of doctor-prescribed drugs proved lethal for our boy. Heath's accidental death serves as a caution to the hidden dangers of combining prescription medication, even at low dosage."

Ledger was discovered by his masseuse Jan. 22 after she arrived for an appointment that afternoon.

She entered his bedroom to set up for the massage and found him unresponsive, and proceeded to call Mary-Kate Olsen three times over the next 9 minutes before dialing 911.

Ledger had been dead for some time, and police say no foul play occurred. Police did say that they found a rolled-up \$20 bill near the bed.

Ledger, nominated for an Oscar for his role in *Brokeback Mountain*, had just returned to New York from London.

He was in London because he had been filming a \$30 million Terry Gilliam film, *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, only days before his death.

Ledger had said in a November interview that his roles in the Batman movie *The Dark Knight* as well as the Bob Dylan biopic *I'm Not There* had taken a toll on him.

"Last week I probably slept an average of two hours a night," Ledger told *The New York Times*. "I couldn't stop thinking. My body was exhausted, and my mind was still going."

He said he had taken two Ambien pills, which only gave him an hour of sleep.

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medications together," she said.

The ruling comes two weeks after the 28-year-old Australian-born actor was found dead in the bed of his rented SoHo apartment.

Ledger's family returned to the actor's hometown of Perth, Australia, on Tuesday to prepare for his funeral.

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packing and processing industries got together inventories of everything in their warehouses and took the agency to court, saying they'd have to be paid for those items as well as their land if the agency wanted them to move, Houston senior Sonya Maness said.

Maness researched the area where three meat processing and packing plants were located, an area called "La via de las tripas" or "Guts Way," for Macaulay's historical archaeology class.

"There were things like 'head slicing table' and 'beef carcass scale' on the lists," she said.

Maness also said that while the people who ran the plants lived outside of the immediate area, the plants were mostly staffed by Sandtown residents.

"It was very interesting. I mean, Urban Renewal did a very dirty deed to these people. No one ever really gave these people a chance to tell their story," Maness said.

The residents deserve a chance to say they didn't live in blight in a dangerous slum, she said.

"History is written by the victors, and that reigns very true," Maness said. "The people of Sandtown weren't the victors. They lost. So no one will know their story unless they go and look for it."

When the residents had all settled, the agency helped them to find new homes.

If necessary, they were allowed to stay in their homes for up to six months while looking for a new place to live, paying as little as \$5 per month for rent, Macaulay said.

Macaulay said some of the residents didn't mind relocating.

"But they regretted leaving the neighborhood; it was a very close-knit neighborhood. They would share water facilities, and take care of each others' kids.

"Once they moved, they were scattered. They lost that community," she said.

The area was ethnically



Courtesy photo

A 1965 photo shows the completed Urban Renewal Project, in which Waco demolished an old residential structure known as Sandtown.

diverse, Macaulay said. While the area closest to Baylor's campus was mostly inhabited by African-American residents, the area was a melting pot of Italian, Russian, Hispanic and African

immigrants.

"Closer to downtown were mostly Hispanic families," Macaulay said. "Many of them came to Waco after the Mexican Revolution. This was the

only place they could afford to live."

The area was fairly stable until the 1930s when the Great Depression hit, Macaulay said. Then the land began to shift from owned property to rental property.

"Then it became much, much poorer than it originally was," she said.

In 1962, 108 of the properties were owned, the other 80 were rental properties, she said.

According to oral history, the inhabitants of the area called it Sandtown for its dry and dusty terrain, Macaulay said. But the area is technically called the Gerald Addition, after Judge George B. Gerald.

"He was quite a character," she said. "And he was a gambler."

Legend has it that Gerald's wife, Mary, the woman Mary Street is named for, buried him in a crypt sitting up at a poker table, Macaulay said.

Once the land passed to Baylor, in addition to building on top of the bulldozed village,

Baylor re-routed Waco Creek.

The creek originally passed between where Sid Richardson Science Building and Marrs McLean Science Building stand today.

"It was mainly to control flooding," Macaulay said. "I think Baylor had had a couple of floods that really were bad."

While the two science buildings weren't constructed yet, some of the dorms and other surrounding buildings had been damaged during floods.

To prevent further damage, the creek was moved to an underground path, Macaulay said. It now goes past where the Baylor Sciences Building stands, and underground next to the Baylor Energy Complex.

Macaulay said that overall the project has been interesting to work on.

"A lot of people have no idea about any of this. They just think it was always just Baylor's land," she said.

Macaulay plans to apply for a historical marker to keep the history of the town alive.

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were reduced to splintered piles of lumber. Some looked like life-size dollhouses, their walls sheared away. Crews going door to door to search for bodies had to contend with downed power lines, snapped trees and flipped cars. Cattle wandered through the debris near hard-hit Lafayette (pronounced luh-FAY-et). At least 12 people died in and around the town.

"It looks like the Lord took a Brillo pad and scrubbed the ground," said Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, who surveyed the damage from a helicopter.

Hundreds of houses were damaged or destroyed. Authorities had no immediate cost estimate of the damage.

President Bush gave assurances his administration stood ready to help. Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency were sent to the region and activated an emergency center in Georgia.

"Loss of life, loss of property; prayers can help, and so can the government," Bush said. "I do

want the people in those states to know the American people are standing with them."

Students took cover in dormitory bathrooms as the storms closed in on Union University in Jackson, Tenn. More than 20 students at the Southern Baptist school were trapped behind wreckage and jammed doors after the dormitories came down around them.

Danny Song was pinned for an hour and a half until rescuers dug him from the rubble.

"We looked up and saw the funnel coming in. We started running and then glass just exploded," he said. "I hit the floor and a couch was shoved up against me, which may have saved my life because the roof fell on top of it."

Thirty people were killed in Tennessee, 13 in Arkansas, seven in Kentucky and four in Alabama, emergency officials said.

It was one of the 15 worst tornado death tolls since 1950, and the nation's deadliest barrage of tornadoes since 76 people were killed in Pennsylvania and Ohio on May 31, 1985.

Al-Qaida videos show boys in training

By Lauren Frayer
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Boys in soccer jerseys don black masks and grab weapons. They scramble over mud-brick walls, blast down doors and hold guns to the heads of residents inside.

The U.S. military said videos seized from suspected al-Qaida in Iraq hideouts show militants training children who appear

as young as 10 to kidnap and kill. It's viewed as a sign that the terror network — hungry for recruits — may be using younger Iraqis in propaganda to lure a new crop of fighters.

"Al-Qaida in Iraq wants to poison the next generation of Iraqis," said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. military spokesman. "It is offering children as the new generation of mujahideen," he added, using the

Arabic term for holy warriors.

The video, shown to reporters Wednesday, depicted an apparent training session with black-masked boys — ammunition belts draped across their small chests — forcing a man off his bicycle at gunpoint and marching him off down a muddy lane. An off-camera voice, speaking with an Iraqi accent, instructs children how to take firing positions with

assault rifles.

At one point, the boys huddle in a circle on a cement floor, solemnly pledging allegiance to al-Qaida.

U.S. and Iraqi officials said they could offer no estimate of how many children have joined the insurgency.

Young children are rarely behind insurgent attacks in Iraq, though they have been used as decoys.

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