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Regents approve non-Baptist groups

Christian groups are officially allowed to be chartered at Baylor

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

The Baylor Board of Regents met Friday and approved the construction of a new Carlile Geology Research Building; the launch of the Institute for Ecological, Earth and Environmental Sciences; the adoption of a university wide code of ethics; and an adjusted policy regarding religious groups on campus.

The board revisited the university wide organizational religion policy and voted to allow non-Baptist Christian student groups to officially meet and be chartered at Baylor. The foundational religious organization of Baylor will continue to be Baptist Student Ministries. President John Lilley said the move will make the university “more welcoming” of other Christian organizations.

Student government heard arguments during the spring 2007 semester regarding the push to recognize non-Baptist Christian groups. McAllen senior Jen Kim, former

junior-class senator and co-chairwoman of the diversity committee, wrote the resolution last spring.

Kim, current senior-class secretary and treasurer, said she is obligated to represent students as a senator, and “the students wanted this.”

Roswell, N.M., junior Skyler Herring, a sophomore class senator last year, said not all students want this. Even so, he said, he is more inclined to accommodate to the Baptist heritage of the university, “not the whimsical views of students today.”

Fairfax, Va., sophomore Vincent Harris, a freshman-class senator last

year, called the resolution “anti-Baptist” and agreed that it doesn’t represent the views of all students.

Both Harris and Herring presented a slippery-slope argument, saying the university may someday approve non-Christian religious groups to be chartered under Baylor and meet on campus.

Dr. Dub Oliver, vice president for student life, said he thinks this is not a possibility as it would conflict with the university’s Christian mission.

Oliver supports the new organiza-

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Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., responds to the crowd Monday while speaking at a campaign rally in Baltimore. Obama’s weekend sweep could sway Texas voters’ opinions come March 4.

Texas becomes important primary site

Obama, Huckabee aim for wins as their momentum grows

By Ashley Killough
Reporter

Last week was for the underdogs. With the Giants winning the Super Bowl and Sen. Barack Obama and Gov. Mike Huckabee doing better than expected, America is ripe with surprising outcomes.

The Texas primary jumped to a higher level of importance for the Democrats after Obama pulled closer to Sen. Clinton’s lead during this weekend’s primaries and caucuses.

“It’s exactly what we needed,” said Ryan Young, organizer of the Baylor for Obama organization. “Super Tuesday didn’t change much, but this weekend marked the departure from the deadlock that existed between Clinton and Obama.

“Clinton is counting on Texas to stop Obama’s momentum, but we’re trying to get the word out on Obama for those who don’t know who to vote for,” Young said.

Baylor for Obama will canvass Saturday in the Baylor area, going door-to-door to educate voters on the issues. They will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Bear Cribbs Off-Campus Housing Center.

Young is also trying to inform voters about caucusing in Texas.

“No one knows what to do, because everyone thinks that’s something only Iowans do,” Young said. To participate in a caucus, voters will go back to the same location where they voted earlier that day for the primary.

“They will return that night at 7:15, and they absolutely must be there on time,” Young said. During the caucus, voters will stand in a corner designated for their favorite candidates. Both Republicans and Democrats are allowed to caucus but they must be registered.

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Huckabee



Clinton



Christina Kruse/Lariat staff

Houston senior Sean Morris explains his preaching methods at his plastic crate pulpit located on campus near Judge Baylor. Morris preaches God’s word to Chapel goers every Monday and Wednesday.

BU student practices his preaching

By Alex Abdallah
Reporter

Chapel-goers can expect to see an open-air preacher on a soapbox next to Judge Baylor after every chapel this semester.

Houston senior Sean Morris has begun to preach the message of repentance and salvation to anyone who will listen. His goal is to get out the true gospel according to God’s word, he said.

“This is love,” Morris said. “I’m not yelling. I’m raising my voice, but I’m not yelling. I’m preaching at you.”

This is not the first semester Morris has preached to the Baylor campus. In years past, he has preached to students one or two times a semester. But this semester he hopes to preach daily.

Morris plans to stand outside of chapel every Monday and Wednesday at 9:40 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and 11:40 a.m., eating lunch and attending class in between those times. On other days of the week he will be at various places around campus.

Last Saturday, he preached outside of Waco Hall during the “Battle on the Burning Sands” stepshow.

Morris said he does not limit himself to the Baylor campus. He has previously preached outside of movie theaters, and on 6th Street in Austin one Halloween.

In addition, Morris and three friends meet on top of the Baylor Sciences Building parking garage at 4 a.m. Monday through Friday to pray that God will move people to be saved. Two of his friends will soon join him in preaching outside of Chapel.

Morris said he was saved three weeks before college.

“If I was unsaved, this would have gotten my attention,” Morris said.

Dr. Burt Burleson, university chaplain said he saw Morris outside of Chapel for the first time Monday. Although he said he does not find Morris’s method very effective, he said he does not want to be judgmental and would like to get to know him.

“As long as he is not harassing someone or trying to be supportive of something contrary to Baylor policy, I think he has a right to do it,” Burleson said.

Burleson said that some students may be wary of Morris’ message if he preaches every day.

Plano freshman Ashley Carreker said she heard Morris both before and after Chapel Monday. Although she didn’t stop to listen, what she heard as she passed was Morris speaking of sinners and the need for repentance, she said.

Morris said people’s responses change every time, ranging from “amen’s” to disagreement. He said he feels that many believers do not agree because they only hear part of his message.

“I can’t say everything in six seconds,” Morris said.

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This is the location of the future math and science building for the Rapoport Quinn campus. Rapoport Academy is funding the project through city approved Tax Increment Financing.

Waco academy to revamp science, math buildings

By Victoria Mgbemena
Staff writer

East Waco is in need of an extreme makeover.

At least that’s what Carol Dugat and other people in the community believe. Dugat, a community blogger for the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, has facilitated citywide discussions on the paper’s Web site emphasizing change and revitalization of the area on economic and educational fronts.

Dugat is not the only one working toward a more revitalized East Waco.

The Rapoport Academy Public School’s Paul Quinn Campus received approval from the Waco City Council last Tuesday to use Tax Increment Financing for the renovations of its science and math buildings. TIF funds are awarded by the state to use for development in economically disadvantaged areas for development.

The Quinn Campus, known as

the first black college west of the Mississippi River, opened in 1998 and houses the district’s middle school and high school. The school praises high achievement rates by its pupils, with over 90 percent of students passing the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reading tests in all grade levels. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation also supports the school. Rapoport school officials cite the Quinn Campus as a focal point for bringing people to a transformed East Waco.

“We are very proud of our students’ achievements,” Rapoport founder and superintendent Nancy Grayson said. “We welcome students from 13 districts in the area, with 30 percent of our students coming from Waco ISD. We love our place in East Waco. While we are still kind of the new kid on the block, we want people to realize that we attract bright students from all around.”

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Fans see Pro Bowl more as filler than ‘real’ football

Sunday I made a huge mistake: I got my hair cut. It wasn't a mistake because I got poor service, but because in Texas, Sunday is good for two things: NFL football and haircuts. Without an NFL game on TV, or so I thought, everyone wandered into scissor-wielding shops for a haircut. I joined the masses at Sport-Clips, Waco's sports-themed barbershop. After signing my name and finding a seat between leftover newspapers and kids' toys, that familiar professional football jingle came over the television. Every male perked their ears and gazed quizzically at the screen, wondering why Fox was covering a football

event after the Super Bowl. Then, all at once, everyone let loose their own rendition of, "Oh, that's right. It's the Pro Bowl." Don't get me wrong, I watched it intently while Barbara trimmed my hair, but once I was satisfied with the job, I opened the door, turned on my car and didn't give the game a second thought. I read last night that the NFC won 42-30. Being a Cowboys fan, I was happy for Tony Romo, who had two touchdown passes, Terrell Owens with 2 receptions and even Nick Folk's six extra points. I even cheered for former Sooner Adrian Peterson,

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BY BRIAN BATEMAN

although it took some cajoling, who set a Pro Bowl record for 129 yards rushing and two touchdowns. As far as most fans are concerned — myself included — the Pro Bowl is nothing more than a good way for athletes to injure themselves. The NBA, NHL and MLB all have interested audiences for

their events and there's not a vibe of indifference with those events. So why is it different with football? Maybe it's the late date. The New York Giants upset what was destined to be the greatest team ever a week ago, and for many, that was the end of the season. Other organizations have theirs in the middle of the season while fans are still interested — something the NFL might want to mimic. Maybe it has something to do with fan voting. What seems like a great marketing plan backfires on the game. Common to all major sporting leagues, follow-

ers choose who plays based on their perceived notion of the game, not the player's work on the field. For example, 13 Dallas Cowboys made the roster, including possibly the league's worst pass-defense safety, Roy Williams. That's half of the starting lineup. And while they managed to beat the New York Giants twice in the regular season — a team with just one Pro Bowler — they couldn't beat them when it mattered. But most of all, it's the player's lackadaisical manner about the game. Several years ago, Troy Aikman, the winner of three Super Bowls, left the game after one

series to make an earlier flight out of Hawaii. This year, quarterbacks Tom Brady and Brett Favre skipped out as well as former University High School superstar LaDainian Tomlinson. I'm sure they had a good reason, but it's a snub at the game, nonetheless. As a fan, it just doesn't matter much. If I had absolutely nothing to do or I was stuck in a hospital, I would watch it. But I have better things to do than watch three hours of semi-enthusiastic players scoring every other play. Brian Bateman is a senior journalism and history major from Garland, and is also a sports writer for The Baylor Lariat.

Editorial

Recognizing non-Baptists good step

The Baylor Board of Regents made an overdue revision Friday to the university wide policy on religious organizations by allowing non-Baptist Christian student groups to officially meet on campus. Thank God. For too long, Methodists, Catholics and Presbyterians (to name a few) have been treated like Christian stepchildren. While it is logical that the foundational religious organization of Baylor is Baptist Student Ministries, to deny other groups official refuge was illogical. Despite fervent disagreement over infant baptism and transubstantiation, Baptists and Catholics should have equal access to the Baylor Sciences Building. No matter what one believes about free will or predestination, we should all be able to talk about it in the same room. Thankfully, the board finally agreed to recognize other denominations. This tolerance in no way negates our Baptist heritage or lessens the presence of the BSM. On the contrary, this motion displays the Christian spirit of unity and hospitality. Baptists of all people know the importance of being able to express ourselves individually in the body of Christ. As the New Baptist Covenant has shown, under the umbrella of a shared faith, the distinctions are far less important than the commonalities.



It is important for Baptists to open themselves to conversation with our Christian brothers and sisters. In a Friday article on *The Baylor Lariat's* Web site, President John Lilley said the updated policy "will make the university more welcoming of other Christian organizations." While Baylor's Baptist heritage is integral to the university, we never want our denominational status to alienate Christians of a different stripe.

The struggle to obtain equal rights for all denominations has been a long one where Baylor is concerned. As early as 2000, non-Baptist groups seeking to be recognized as official organizations were denied charters. In February 2007, members of student government attempted to pass a bill of support for non-Baptist student groups. The bill was highly controversial and ultimately failed. As members of Student Senate argued last year, all students pay the

same tuition regardless of denomination and deserve the same basic rights to live, work and pray. Recognizing the presence of non-Baptist groups on campus does not diminish the Baptist tradition. Instead, it encourages Baptists to deepen their own understanding of what it means to be Baptist. Through conversation, we learn not only about others, but about ourselves as well. We applaud Baylor for this step in the right direction.

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Letters to the editor

Voodoo not 'satanic' tradition

Let me state right off that I am not a practitioner of voodoo, nor do I wish to defend its beliefs as true. I do wish, however, to defend it as a legitimate religion against the gross misrepresentations contained in the Feb. 7 column "Haitian Mardi Gras celebration has dark roots." To characterize voodoo as "devil-worship" ignores its historical origins, the professed beliefs of its adherents, and its comparability to other religious practices around the world. Voodoo as we know it is a New World religion which developed among African slaves as a mixture of traditional West African tribal beliefs with French

Catholicism. Adherents of Haitian voodoo believe either in one god called "Bondyè," meaning "good god," or a chief creator spirit called Damballa. Below the one god are hosts of spirits which are honored and beseeched for aid in human affairs. Now compare with voodoo the innumerable other traditional and tribal belief systems throughout the world. Many, if not most, revolve around similar animistic and shamanistic practices. I do not believe in any of these "deities," but neither do I think those who worship them are satanic. The concept of Satan is native to the Abrahamic faiths. It is highly arrogant to imply that followers of traditional practices

are pledging themselves to evil, when really they worship false gods out of ignorance. To say so is to judge the character of a people by a category of which they have no concept. Worship of any deity besides the one, true God, while false, does not necessarily make a person evil; and to write off voodoo as "devil-worship" only plays to Hollywood stereotypes. Eric Headstream Philosophy & Great Texts 2009 Church editorial out of date I am writing to respond to the Feb. 1 editorial "Churches should care instead of condemn." This editorial would have been

more timely prior to about 1980. For the past 30 years, Christians in almost every mid- to large city in the U.S. have provide wonderful counsel, encouragement, and support for women with "crisis" pregnancies, helping them prepare for parenthood or find a suitable home for their unborn baby. My wife and I helped to start what has become the CareNet Center in College Station. With two center locations, it helps more than 1,500 women each year. CareNet in Waco is even larger and is also a wonderful of ministry of love and caring for women in need. Finally, I don't recall seeing churches condemning women who are considering or have

had an abortion. This was truly a "back to the future" editorial. Dr. Walter L. Bradley Distinguished professor of mechanical engineering Guadalupe cartoon offensive The *Lariat* editorial "Churches should care instead of condemn," and the cartoon of Feb. 1 address teen unwed pregnancy. This cartoon rendering of Our Lady of Guadalupe aligns the Incarnation with a contemporary unwed teen pregnancy. The cartoon was quite an insult to Catholics, particularly Mexican and Mexican-America Catholics for whom reverence for Our Lady of Guadalupe is so strong.

I doubt that images of other Christian traditions would be treated in a similar manner by *The Baylor Lariat*. Certainly such disrespect would not be shown to non-Christian religious traditions. The editorial call to action in support of unwed mothers was appallingly lacking in awareness of what has been done for many years in the Catholic Church. Catholics in the Baylor family do not need a lecture from the *Lariat* editorial board on how to reach out in love and support to abortion-minded women and women suffering in the aftermath of their abortions. Dr. John Pisciotta Associate professor of economics

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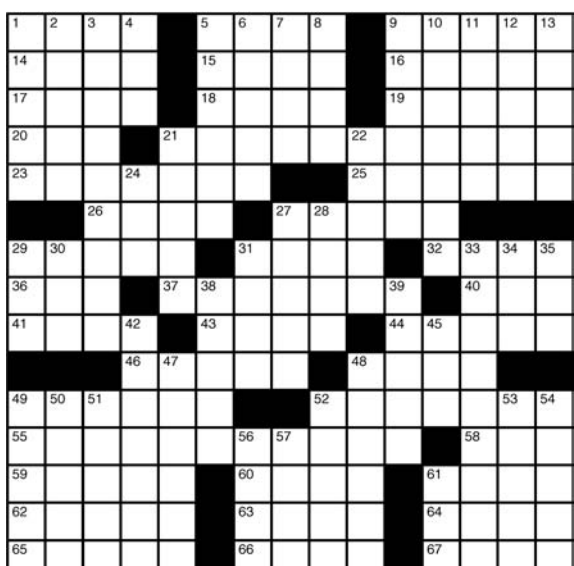
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Dating forum talks on issues

By Sarah Rafique Reporter

Last Friday, two couples experienced the awkwardness of a first date “Real World” style. Clips from the North Russell and Penland residence halls’ “Dating Game” contestant’s date were shown yesterday in conjunction with a relationship forum.

About 25 people gathered in the North Russell Residence Hall TV Lounge to watch the two couples’ first dates, which took place Friday, and have an open discussion about relationships.

Both of the couples enjoyed their dates, but the purpose of the forum was to focus more on the intricacies and experiences of relationships at all ages.

“I thought (the relationship forum) was great to get insight from various aged people in various styles of relationships,” said Paris, Texas, junior Shane Boswell.

The relationship panel con-



Jeff Leslie/Lariat staff

A panel representing a wide range of relationship statuses answered student questions Monday night at the dating forum.

sisted of a young married couple, an older married couple, an engaged couple and two single people who all answered questions about their experiences in relationships.

“I thought many of the questions asked allowed students to see that the same things that we deal with are the same things that everyone seems to deal with,” Boswell said. “No matter what style relationship they are now in.”

One important thing to do during any relationship is to figure yourself out, said Shannon Dean, director of North Russell Residence Hall, and “what you will not sacrifice.”

As far as gender roles are concerned, graduate assistant hall director of East Arbors Jonathan Manz said that “in the beginning, it’s best to always err

on the side of chivalry.”

When asked about the worst part of newly married life, Kenny Byler said, “you have to stop being so selfish when you have another person to live with – you have to give up a lot of yourself.”

“The best part is waking up each morning and having [my wife] by my side,” Kenny said. “We’re the best of friends.”

Julia Byler said the hardest thing for her was to realize that during the dating phase, everything was sugarcoated.

“The hardest thing was knowing that he’s not perfect,” she said.

Peter Smart, director of Penland Residence Hall, said, “I hope students gained a perspective on how to gain healthy relationships and to help pursue healthy relationships.”

First Relay to raise awareness

By Sarah Rafique Reporter

“Bear Down: All Paws Unite for a Cure,” is the theme of Baylor’s first annual Relay for Life, who will have a kick-off event today in conjunction with Dr Pepper hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center.

“Relay is an overnight event to create awareness about cancer, to celebrate survivorship, and remember those who lost the battle to cancer,” said Debbie Williams, two-time breast cancer survivor. Williams is also the administrative associate in Human Resource Services, and chairwoman of the board for the McLennan unit of the American Cancer Society.

The kick-off event is sponsored by Mastercraft Jewelry and will include seven different booths: what is Relay for Life, cancer education, how to sign up, the night of relay, survivors, volunteers and donating, said Coppell senior Martin Hechanova, co-chair of the Relay for Life committee.

Relay for Life is a flagship event for the American Cancer Society, with over 5,000 events happening this year, Hechanova said.

Baylor University Medical Ethics Discussion Society, Alpha Phi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha have formed an alliance to host this event and incorporate aca-

ademic, service and Greek life.

It costs \$50 to start a team of no more than 30 people, and each person within the group is expected to raise \$100 to help the fight against cancer.

The relay is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, which uses the money toward life-saving research and patient services and provides a 24-hour call center. The proceeds also go toward wigs and scholarships for young people, Williams said.

“The kick-off is designed to get the entire campus excited about Relay and bring awareness to the night of it,” said Alan Kramer, Fredericksburg senior and co-chair of the Relay for Life committee. “But it is a fundraising event and we hope to raise \$100,000.”

Kramer also emphasized the event’s relevance at Baylor.

“I think that the Baylor community as a whole is really affected [by cancer] in more ways than we think of,” Kramer said. “Being Christians in the community, Relay for Life is really a perfect fit for the Baylor campus.”

The overnight event will be held from 7 p.m. Friday, April 11 to 7 a.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Baylor Sciences Building Intramural Fields.

“The person struggling with cancer struggles a 24/7 fight,” Hechanova said. Throughout the night, one person from each group will be required to walk at all times to symbolize that can-

cer never sleeps.

“We are grooming this event to be a Baylor tradition every year,” Hechanova said. “It’s relative, but it encapsulates everyone in the Baylor family to unite: not just students, but faculty, staff and alumni.”

The event is designed to bring together the Baylor campus, Williams said.

“It is a unique event, unlike any other. It not only celebrates people we lost, but educates the public about leading a healthy life,” he said.

Kramer said three major events on the night of Relay include a celebration ceremony for survivors, the lighting of luminarias in remembrance of those who lost the battle against cancer and a “Fight Back” rally to represent that cancer still exists even after Relay for Life is over.

Other activities will include bands, dances and intramurals, Kramer said.

Until this year, Baylor was the only Big 12 University that did not host a Relay for Life event.

“I know it’s going to be a success,” Hechanova said.

Leaders of student organizations at Baylor can contact one of the co-chairs to put on a five-minute presentation for their club.

They can also come out to the kick-off event to explore what happens the night of relay, how to start a team and more, Hechanova said.

BEAR BRIEFS

Gamma Alpha Omega Latina Sorority is holding an information meeting about Rush for Spring 2008 at 7 p.m. today in the Baines Room in the Bill Daniels Student Center. For more information contact gao_bu@yahoo.com.

Kappa Delta is holding an open recruitment tea party at 8 p.m. today in the Stacy Riddle Forum. For more information contact Laura_Glathar@baylor.edu.

Baylor Activities Council is holding Movie Night at Common Grounds at 8 p.m. today. For more information contact Aileen_Wong@baylor.edu.

The NAACP Baylor youth collegiate chapter is holding a general meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Houston Room on the third floor of the Bill Daniels Student Center.

Hire A Bear is holding a career fair from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Ferrell Center. Dress professionally and bring your resume and student I.D. To view the organizations, go to www.hireabear.com and click the Career Events link.

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Clinton fires manager

By Beth Fouhy The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton replaced campaign manager Patti Solis Doyle with longtime aide Maggie Williams on Sunday, engineering a shake-up in a presidential campaign struggling to overcome rival Sen. Barack Obama’s financial and political strengths.

The surprise announcement came hours after Obama’s sweep of three contests Saturday and shortly before the Illinois senator won caucuses in Maine on

Sunday.

Clinton turned to a longtime confidante to manage her operations.

Campaign aides said Solis Doyle made the decision to leave on her own and was not urged to do so by the former first lady or any other senior member of the team. But it comes as Clinton struggles to catch Obama in fundraising and momentum and faces the prospect of losing every voting contest yet to come in February.

Solis Doyle announced the shift in an e-mail to the staff on Sunday.



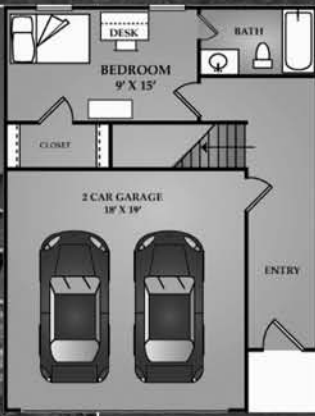
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Group focuses on Hispanic families

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

Later this week, a group of Baylor students will travel to San Antonio to see the things they've learned put in action.

On Feb. 15 and 16, the Hispanic Families in Transition Engaged Learning Group will visit San Antonio to see different examples of upwardly mobile Hispanic families.

"Unfortunately the news media tends to portray Hispanic families as a more undesirable people in our society. Many people get a false idea of who these people are," said Dr. Randy Wood, one of the faculty members involved with the ELG. "We hope our students will get a picture of a very hard-working, upwardly mobile group of people that will have an effect on America."

The students in the ELG are going to spend time with San

Antonio students from both a local public school and junior college and students from the Baptist University of the Americas.

The curriculum for the ELG is broken up into three broad topics, one per semester. This semester the focus is on education.

Wood said he believes studying education is important because "education is the way to stop the cycle of poverty in any population."

Although education is only this semester's specific theme, the students have been able to study it from the start through the volunteer work they do as a group.

Three nights a week, students from the ELG visit Lake Air, University and Cesar Chavez middle schools within the Waco area to teach English to non-English Speakers.

The program the students

teach through is called Learning English Among Friends, or LEAF, a program Wood runs in the Waco community and on Baylor's campus.

The students received "training by fire" for teaching English as a Second Language, said Dr. Mona Choucair, lecturer in English. This means they were given a quick lesson before they were put in the teaching environment.

When they visit the schools, the students spend their time teaching each week with the same families, working to build relationships with their students.

Choucair said she hopes the trip to San Antonio will help the students to get a broader view of the work they're doing at Baylor and in Waco.

Another aspect of the ELG is the time the students spend together in their dorms — the men in Penland Residence Hall

and the women in Collins Residence Hall.

By living together and being supported by one another, the students are building a community of learning, Wood said.

Penland director Peter Smart said the residents in the ELG definitely have a unique sense of community.

"They take common classes with each other and are also involved in community service, so they've been engaged in the Baylor community in a way different from everybody else," Smart said.

Students apply to take part in an ELG before the start of their freshman year. For the Hispanic Families in Transition ELG, the students went through an interview process during their orientation and were informed of their acceptance afterward.

There are 42 students in the Hispanic Families in Transition ELG.



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Next Astaire and Rogers?

Orlando, Fla., freshman Kirsten Peterson and instructor Matthew Busby, a recent graduate from Temple, practice the foxtrot during social dance. Social dance is one of the HPS offered at Baylor.

Baylor leading Big 12 in recycling race

By Charly Edsitty
Reporter

The numbers are in for the first week of the RecycleMania competition and Baylor ranked No. 1 in the Big 12 Conference and 21 nationally out of 400 universities in the per capita class.

According to the RecycleMania Web site, per capita is measured by the amount of recyclables per person on campus.

Baylor came in with 3.41 pounds per person last week.

"I think it's a fantastic beginning. It just shows what people can do when they work toward a goal together," said Patty Orr, dean of libraries and University Sustainability committee coordinator. "It's tremendous progress."

In the first week, 57,598 pounds were recycled compared to last year's 9,880 pounds.

"I was shocked we were No. 1 in the Big 12," Information Technology specialist and University Sustainability member Carl Flynn said. "I am happy people are recycling. It encourages me to continue to get the word out, involve people

and increase the numbers."

The recent decision to permanently unlock all recycling bins around campus could help increase numbers.

The bins, located behind all campus buildings, were intended for cardboard and plastic waste emptied by the house-keeping staff.

Now anything recyclable can be discarded in these bins.

Baylor grounds manager Andy Trimble explained that the bins were kept locked because incorrect disposal of non-recyclable materials and the threat of rain could contaminate an entire batch of recyclable material.

In addition, recycling bins were placed in residence halls last week.

"We want to keep up the effort and enthusiasm and maintain that after RecycleMania ends," Trimble said.

RecycleMania is a 10-week nationwide recycling competition among universities that started Jan. 27.

Track Baylor's progress at the RecycleMania Web site at www.recyclemaniacs.org.

More Engaged Learning Centers approved

New student groups based on common interests

By Shannon Daily
Staff writer

Three new Engaged Learning Groups were approved Thursday to start up this coming fall.

The new ELGs consist of a Computational Literacy and Learning group within the engineering and computer sciences departments; a Global Community group within the modern foreign languages and journalism departments; and an Entrepreneurship and Creative Leadership group within the entrepreneurship and theater arts departments.

Dr. Frank Shushok, dean for student learning and engagement, said each ELG proposal was reviewed and these three were selected because they rep-

resented the several different aspects an ELG should incorporate.

ELGs should integrate interdisciplinary learning, research and interaction both in and out of the classroom with faculty, Shushok said.

"They really are grassroots," Shushok said of the ELGs.

Dr. Jeffrey Olafsen, an associate professor of physics working with the Computational Literacy and Learning ELG, said the group's focus will be on the numerical analysis and graphical representation of data.

Olafsen said they will look at "What makes a graph a good graph? Why does *USA Today* show graphs that have absolutely nothing to do with anything but people think they mean something because they use cute colors?"

The Entrepreneurship and Creative Leadership group will

look at applying entrepreneurship to a broader range of academic studies, said Dr. Kendall Artz, director of the Baylor entrepreneurship program.

"We believe that entrepreneurial-minded students are all across campus," Artz said. "It's entrepreneurship and leadership in the arts and in government and in religion," among other areas.

The Global Community ELG proposed by Janet Norden, an instructor in the Spanish department, will explore views and perspectives from around the world to help with students' global education in becoming better global citizens, Shushok said.

ELGs are designed to allow faculty to look into areas they may otherwise have not had the opportunity to research, Shushok said.

Rishi Sriram, associate direc-

tor for academic initiatives and housing administration, put together focus groups of current ELG students to see how they were reacting to their experiences within the groups.

"The most exciting thing is that the students really are integrating what's happening in the classroom with what's happening outside the classroom," Sriram said.

The students in the focus groups also gave suggestions for future improvements.

"Some of the students felt like they were doing more work than a typical one-hour course requires, so they felt like maybe they should get more credit," Sriram said. "Some suggested that there be a way for their ELG to continue after its two years had ended."

Sriram said officials are looking for ways to address the concerns the students voiced.



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Congress approves Pell Grant limit increase by 2012

By Sommer Ingram
Staff writer

As the costs of higher-level education continue to rise across the country, Congress continues its efforts to make education more affordable for students and their families. Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which reauthorizes the Higher Education Act through fiscal year 2012, increasing the maximum Pell Grant per year to \$9,000.

The increase in the Pell Grant is \$68 billion from 2009 to 2012. Congressman Chet Edwards,

D-Texas., supports the bill.

“Keeping the doors of our colleges and universities open to bright, hard-working students is not only important for their future, it is critical for the future of our nation,” said Edwards in a news release. “If America is going to compete in the global economy, we must knock down the financial barriers that are making it harder for qualified students to pursue a higher education. One of the ways we do that is by increasing Pell Grants.”

Dr. Charles North, professor of economics, said that while Pell Grants are an effective way of getting kids from low socioeco-

nomic backgrounds to college, they aren’t the sole solution.

“If our goal is to reduce the amount of poverty in the United States, we need to focus more on pre-K through 12 children, because the roots of poverty are in elementary school,” he said. “I’d like to see more money aimed at the earlier, more formative years in kids’ lives so they can develop the skills and mindset needed for college.”

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush proposed a multi-million dollar program called Pell Grants for Kids. Modeled after the Pell Grant program for college students, this program would pro-

vide grants on a competitive basis to schools to create scholarship programs for low-income students from kindergarten to twelfth grade to attend private schools. Unlike the increase in the Pell Grant, this new plan was proposed amid criticism of being a voucher in disguise.

“In my opinion, this is just a back door way of providing funding for kids to attend private schools—much like a voucher,” said Dr. Kent Gilbreath, professor of economics. “It is highly unlikely that such a proposal will pass because Congress hasn’t seemed to support vouchers. Simply calling this a ‘Pell Grant’ doesn’t change any-

thing.”

Gilbreath said there are things that need to be addressed within the original Pell Grant program itself.

“The biggest problem with Pell Grants is that the amount of money has not kept up with the growing cost of higher-level education, kind of like minimum wage wasn’t increased for years,” he said.

Because Pell Grants are restricted to families below a certain income level, many middle-class families who can’t afford college tuition out of their own pockets don’t get help from the federal government.

“We must provide the very

best education we can for everyone, because the future of our competitiveness as a nation is based on brains, not brawn,” Gilbreath said.

Gilbreath said the increase in Pell Grants has no effect on the economy and talk of recession.

“That matter is rather irrelevant,” he said. “But one of the big clouds looming on the horizon is the huge amount of debt students leave college with – it can have a stifling effect on the economy and business cycle. But Pell Grants are a step up both economically and socially for thousands of low-income families, so an increase is a huge step in the right direction.”

Pentagon charges 6 terror suspects

By Pauline Jelinek
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Monday charged six Guantanamo Bay detainees with murder and war crimes for the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Officials sought the death penalty in the unprecedented military tribunal case that has been clouded by revelations the key suspect suffered interrogation tactics that critics call torture.

The son of a Sept. 11 victim said he was relieved by the development and hoped it would bring justice. Critics said the trial would be a sham.

Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Hartmann, the legal adviser to the tribunal system, announced that 169 charges had been sworn against six men “alleged to be responsible for the planning and execution of the attacks” in 2001 that killed nearly 3,000 people.

“These charges allege a long-term, highly sophisticated, organized plan by al-Qaida to attack the United States of America,” Hartmann told a Pentagon press conference.

Officials said they’ll seek the



The Associated Press

Brig. Gen. Thomas Hartmann speaks during a news conference at the Pentagon Monday, where he announced that the Pentagon has charged six detainees at Guantanamo Bay with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

death penalty and hope to try all six together. That would make it the first capital trial under the terrorism-era military tribunal system.

Hartmann said the six include Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the suspected mastermind of the attacks in which hijackers flew planes into buildings in New York and Washington. Another hijacked plane crashed in the fields of western Pennsylvania.

The other five men being charged are: Mohammed al-Qahtani, who officials have labeled the 20th hijacker; Ramzi Binalshibh, said to have been the main intermediary between the hijackers and al-Qaida leaders; Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, known as Ammar al-Baluchi, a nephew and lieutenant of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed; al-Baluchi’s assistant, Mustafa Ahmad al-Haw-

sawi; and Waleed bin Attash, a detainee known as Khallad, who investigators say selected and trained some of the 19 hijackers.

Dominic J. Puopolo Jr., whose mother, Sonia Morales Puopolo, was a passenger aboard one of the downed airliners, said he was relieved but had mixed feelings.

“There’s a feeling that we have to rehash this again and it will be in the media and bring back some very painful memories,” he said. “On the other hand, the worst of the worst are going to be held accountable for their actions.”

Asked what impact it will have on the case that Mohammed was subjected to waterboarding by CIA interrogators, Hartmann said it will be up to the tribunal judge to determine what evidence is allowed.

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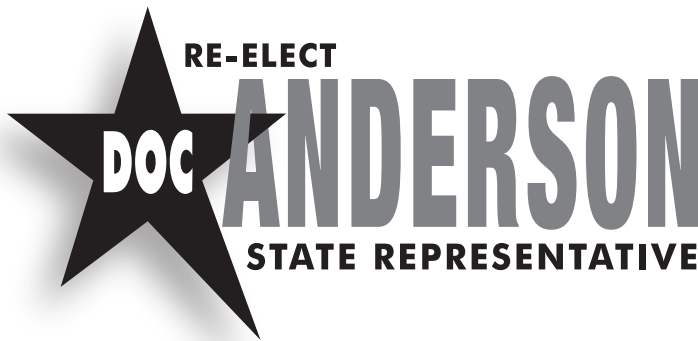
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Baseball gears up for late opener, new schedule of five-game weeks

Team's maturity to play a role this season, outfielder Miller says

By Brian Bateman
Sports writer

Maintenance men were in full force Monday at Baylor Ballpark, fixing up the stadium for the team's Feb. 22 opener.

Varnishing the visitor dugout benches and closing holes in the protective net behind home plate, the maintenance crew shared the field with the other men in green.

With just 10 days until pre-season play begins, the Baylor baseball team is finishing up off-season duties.

"The team's mentality is a lot tougher," Lorena outfielder Ben Booker said. "Everybody's not just joking around, we're like, 'Hey, let's get down to business.'"

Early on last season the Bears struggled, but a late-season push helped them make the Big

12 championship game before falling to Texas A&M University, 14-6.

Finishing with a 35-27 record, the team's youth had been a question mark, but the off-season helped gnaw at their inexperience.

"When we came in we had the title of No. 1 recruiting class," sophomore outfielder Aaron Miller said. "We were really raw and we didn't find out what kind of team we were until late."

Miller, who spent time last year soaking experience from the older players, expects the team's maturity to be a factor this season, even if he's not the one leading.

"Baseball is a game of losing, and there's a lot of stress that comes with that," he said. "I've always wanted to be a leader, but we probably have 10 other guys on the field that want that. Last year there were a bunch of guys that I went to when I needed to talk. I want to be the guy they can come to and just talk baseball."

Even the classroom has been good to the Bears, with all 41 players combining for an average 3.09 GPA.

"I think one of the ways you evaluate maturity is just how they do in class," head coach Steve Smith said. "I don't think we have a single player that enjoys school more than they do baseball. I think that's a pretty strong indication of a good team."

The biggest addition this off-season was the solidified pitching rotation.

Redshirt freshman Shawn Tolleson, who was out last year with Tommy John surgery, came along well, along with several other pitchers, Smith said.

With the changes in scheduling forcing five-game weeks, it is crucial for the Bears to have depth on the mound.

"Where we're going to have a definite advantage is the pitching depth," Miller said. "We're not going to have to deplete our big arms."

The rule changes restrict

teams to starting practice Feb. 1 and capping the first game Feb. 22.

Forcing a later schedule, it is designed to give northern schools an equal footing with warmer, southern schools.

But not every player enjoys it.

"I mean, if you went to the north it's good for you," Booker said.

"I lived in Texas all my life, so it's tough having to wait around for another month."

But the start of last season, when temperatures were nearing 32 degrees at game time, wasn't their best experience.

"Our first few games were cold with a wind chill of 15," Miller said. "It was freezing."

Weather concerns aside, Smith is content with the structure and experience the Bears have in place from spring practice.

"The best thing is just having a bunch of returning players," he said. "We don't have to teach it all from scratch again."

Women's tennis drops to No. 1 Stanford at National Indoors

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

The No. 11-ranked Lady Bears tennis team won two of its three matches over the weekend at the 2008 ITA National Women's Team Indoor Championships in Madison, Wisc. — but not before going through a crazy ride getting there.

The team's flight left Waco bound for Madison at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

It was 10:30 a.m. on Thursday when the Lady Bears finally got to their destination.

After hopping on a connecting flight Tuesday afternoon in Missouri, the pilot turned the team's plane around within 10 miles of Madison because of

swirling winds and heavy winter storms.

After anxiously waiting through several flight cancellations back in Missouri, the team hunkered down for the night, flew to Minneapolis, Minn., the next day and arrived in Minnesota late Wednesday evening.

After another late-night stay in a hotel and a five-hour bus ride, the team finally reached its destination almost a full 48 hours after it left Waco.

And Baylor still had to play No. 1 Stanford University later that night.

"The coaches stayed really positive and the team was still focused," said No. 24-ranked freshman Taylor Ormond. "By the time we got there and practiced right away, we were all into

"If I could have it my way, we would play the No. 1 team every year this early."

Joey Scrivano
head coach

it and cheering. I don't think we expected the delays to bother our performance."

The team couldn't muster enough strength to gut out a win over undefeated Stanford, but head coach Joey Scrivano said the experience was well worth the effort of getting there.

"If I could have it my way, we would play the No. 1 team every year this early," Scrivano said. "Thankfully we got an opportu-

nity to play them, and we know where we stand against a team of that caliber. We came out of that match with the understanding that we're really close (with Stanford)."

After losing 2-4 to Stanford, Baylor turned around and won its last two matches by a combined 11-1 against host University of Wisconsin and No. 19 University of Notre Dame.

As usual, lone senior Zuzana Zemenova carried the banner for Baylor. She won all six matches in which she played over the three-day event and never dropped a set.

According to Scrivano, it was just business as usual for the No. 15-ranked singles player and one-half of the nation's No. 4 doubles team.

"With her experience and her leading by example, it's invaluable," Scrivano said. "She's been huge for us and we kind of appreciate every moment we have with her because we know she's a special player and person."

But Scrivano said the rest of the team's returning players, including sophomore Lenka Broosova, have done just as much to spur on the younger players. Along with Zemenova, Broosova was the only other Baylor player to win all her matches in Madison.

"(Zemenova) has done a great job of taking some of the younger players under her wing, but I also feel like our other returning players have done the same," Scrivano said. "All the returners

from last year have different positives. I'm happy with the way they're handling adversity."

Baylor next plays the University of Miami-Florida Feb. 17 in Miami, who are currently two spots ahead of Baylor at No. 9 in the ITA team rankings.

"We know for sure that it's going to be hard to beat this last trip," Scrivano said. "There's slim to no possibility of us taking two days to get somewhere (again), so we've kind of seen the worst of our travels. That's never an issue for us."

"More importantly than that, Miami is a really good team. They're very experienced, very talented. This is a big test for us — and to do it in Miami, that's going to give us a great opportunity to get better."



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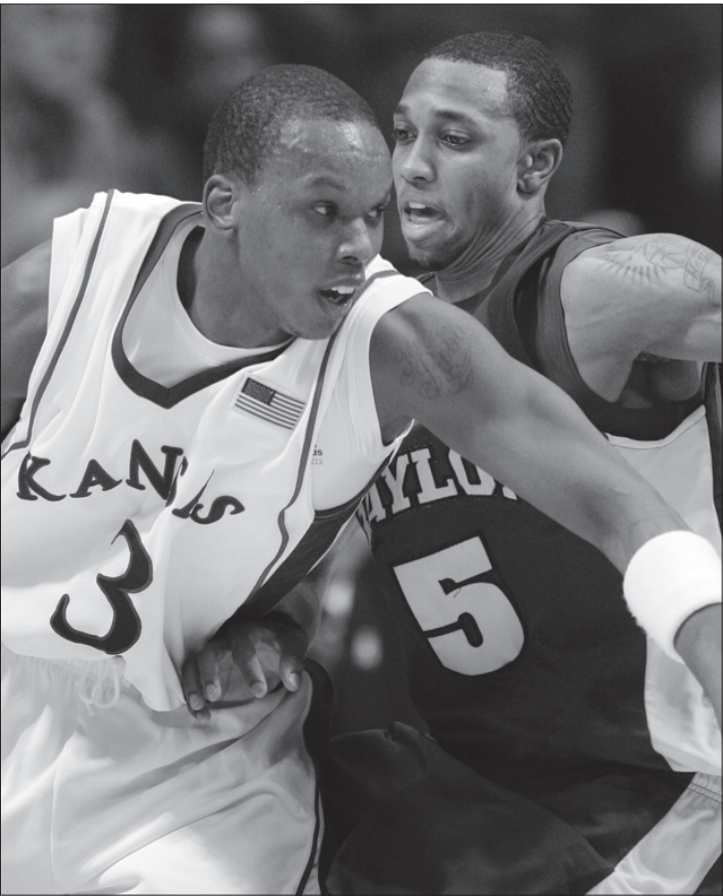


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Kansas guard Russell Robinson drives on Baylor guard Henry Dugat Saturday during the second half of the Baylor-Kansas game in Lawrence, Kan. Kansas beat Baylor 100-90.

Bears head to Oklahoma with 5-3 conference start, best in decade

By Will Parchman
Sports editor

As if playing No. 4 Kansas Saturday night wasn't tough enough on the Baylor men's basketball team, the road is about to get bumpier.

Even after losing a 100-90 track meet against Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., the Bears' home schedule still features three ranked opponents. And road dates at Texas Tech University and the University of Colorado still loom ahead.

So while the Bears next play Oklahoma State University Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla., a team tied for the worst record in the Big 12 at 2-7, head coach Scott Drew doesn't see it as any lower of a hurdle.

"That's the great thing about the Big 12: every night is a challenge and every game is a tough one," said Drew, who has the Bears out to a 5-3 conference

start, the team's best in a decade. "There are no easy games, and that's exciting. Our players want to play against the best."

Drew said he was pleased with his team's effort against Kansas in scoring 90 points against the Big 12's No. 3 scoring defense. The team's 10-point margin of defeat also marked the closest any team has come to beating Kansas on its home court this year.

"We were definitely pleased from the standpoint that we were able to score 90 and go toe-to-toe with them," Drew said.

One of the main reasons for Drew's alarm in traveling to play the Cowboys is the experience of playing at Oklahoma State's Gallagher-Iba Arena. It has a seating capacity of more than 13,000 and has developed a reputation among the players as one of the rowdiest venues in the conference.

"That might be the loudest arena in the Big 12," said 6-foot-9 forward Kevin Rogers, who's averaging 12.3 points and 7.6 rebounds a game this year. "It's because they have such

great fans, and the way it's built (the noise) goes straight up in the air, so there's a lot of room for a lot of noise."

One weapon Baylor didn't have the last time they traveled to Stillwater — which resulted in an 81-77 loss last year — was freshman LaceDarius Dunn.

Dunn wowed the sold-out Allen Fieldhouse Saturday when he drilled a heavily contested 3-point shot, drew a foul and hit the ensuing free throw to complete the four-point play. The sequence was not only highly improbable, but it knotted the game at 50 apiece.

"That's the great thing about having depth is having quality players on the bench," Drew said. "When we go to the bench we don't try to maintain, we try to build. As a coach it gives you the luxury to find out who's having a better night."

Drew praised Dunn's gutsy performance off the bench at Kansas, where he scored 23 points in 20 minutes. But being a freshman, Drew said, Dunn's game still needs some fine-tuning before he can be considered

a viable starting option.

He said Dunn is getting closer but needs to choose his shots more wisely at times.

"We wish some of those shots worry him a little bit," said Drew of Dunn's shot selection. "(Dunn's fearlessness) is one thing that, coming out of high school, he was highly touted in. We expected that."

Dunn has been slowed by a knee injury he suffered Nov. 30 against Washington State University and said Monday that he still isn't 100 percent healthy. He said he's still limited in his lateral movement, and while he no longer wears his knee brace, he's still working his way back.

So with new pieces in place and what Rogers said is an encouraged feeling after sticking with the No. 4 team in the nation, the Bears are off to Stillwater.

"It's definitely a challenge. It's kind of like six-on-five out there," Rogers said. "Those fans are always so loud and to be able to go into a hostile environment like that and silence a crowd, that's definitely very pleasing."

For 2 Lady Bears, same injury changes plans, creates bond

By Justin Baer
Sports writer

Kelli Griffin knows all about the pain fellow teammate Jhasmin Player is going through right now.

After all, it was just a year and a half ago when Griffin tore her own anterior cruciate ligament.

Griffin was entering her senior year at Clear Brook High School when she suffered the same injury that Player endured Feb. 2 against Kansas State University.

Griffin was penetrating the lane in a summer game and made a jump stop before her ACL snapped.

"It's definitely an experience you don't want to go through," Griffin said. "It requires hard work. If you don't put out the work and effort then you are not going to be as productive as you were before you tore it."

So after Player limped off of the floor in Manhattan, Kans., Griffin cringed knowing the likely diagnosis of her teammate.

"I knew it was something serious; it was the exact same thing that that happened to me," Griffin said. "Right away I got real emotional — tears came to my eyes, because I felt for her."

Fate would have it that Player's injury yields more playing time for Griffin. In the Lady Bears' last game against Texas Tech University, Griffin played 25 minutes, far above her season average of 12.3 minutes per game.

Before Player got hurt, the Bay City guard served as a role model and mentor for freshmen guards Griffin and Melissa Jones.

Now, Griffin will have to use what Player has taught her on the court. With Player's injury, the Lady Bears are down to a seven-player rotation.

And although Griffin admits that they push each other in the training room, conversation about their ACL injuries is limited.

"It's a sensitive subject," Player said. "They say one out of ten female basketball players suffers an ACL injury, and I am that one. There is nothing that I can really do about it."

The injury is more common



Kelli Griffin

in females than in males, but doctors are not sure why. Player prides herself on her work ethic in the weight room and on the court.

As one of the strongest players on the team, Player realizes she was the victim of bad luck.

"As strong as you can be, it's just a common injury," the 5-foot-10 guard said.

"It's just something in a woman's body — we lack something. If it had to do anything with weight lifting and what you do off the court, it wouldn't be me."

When Player returns to the Lady Bears' lineup next season, it's not known how much her speed, one of her greatest assets, will be affected.

But according to head coach Kim Mulkey, if anyone can make a recovery from an injury, it's Jhasmin Player.

As for Griffin, the three-time District Most Valuable Player says she is almost back to 100 percent, but the process was deliberate and drawn out.

Griffin still wears a brace on her left knee and will for the rest of the season even though she could play without it.

The Lady Bears return to action Wednesday when they travel to Austin to play the University of Texas Longhorns.



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Horsing around

Fulshear freshman Ashley Smith competes Friday against Texas A&M University at the Willis Family Equestrian Center. The Lady Bears' season record fell to 4-7.

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Writers Guild members picket Feb. 4 outside Paramount Studios in Los Angeles. After writers vote on the proposed contract, they could be back working as soon as Wednesday.

Writer’s strike set to end today

By Lynn Elber
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — TV producers say they expect writers to return to work as early as Wednesday, now that the Writers Guild of America has moved to end its three-month-old strike. On Sunday, guild leaders recommended a tentative three-year contract to members and asked them to vote separately on a quick end to the walkout.

Membership meetings will be held today in New York and Los Angeles, said Patric Verrone, president of the guild’s West Coast branch.

“This is the best deal this guild has bargained for in 30 years,” Verrone said.

The tentative contract secures writers a share of the burgeoning digital-media market, he said, including compensation for Internet-delivered TV shows and movies.

“If they (producers) get paid, we get paid,” Verrone said. This contract makes that a reality. But it is not all we hoped for and it is not all we deserved.”

Still, the union’s negotiating committee recommended Saturday that the contract be accepted, and the West Coast guild’s board of directors and the East Coast guild’s council agreed.

They called for a membership ratification vote, which will be conducted by mail over about two weeks. Member approval of the contract and the strike’s end appeared likely. At heavily attended membership meetings Saturday in New York and Los Angeles, there was resounding support for the proposed deal that could put TV and movie production back on track, salvage the rest of the TV season and remove a boycott threat from this month’s Oscars. Verrone thanked television viewers who “tolerated three months of reruns and reality TV.”

The guild’s major bargaining concession to studios was agreeing to take unionization of animation and reality TV shows off the table, Verrone said. The guild has said it still intends to pursue those goals.

The strike’s end would allow many hit series to return this spring for what’s left of the current season, airing anywhere from four to seven new episodes. Shows with marginal audience numbers may not return until fall, or could be canceled.

A minimum of four weeks would be needed for producers to start from scratch with their first post-strike episodes of comedies and get them on the air, industry members said. A drama

would require six to eight weeks from concept to broadcast.

“It’s a real balancing act ... ” said Chris Mundy, co-executive producer of CBS’ drama *Criminal Minds*. “To get up and running as fast as possible, but not let the quality slip.”

The strike, the first in 20 years for the writers guild, began Nov. 5 and included bitter exchanges between the guild and the producers alliance. Talks collapsed in December. In January, the studios reached an agreement in separate negotiations with the Directors Guild of America. What were termed informal talks between the executives and guild leaders led to the tentative contract that writers will be voting on.

Together, the East and West Coast guilds represent 12,000 writers, with about 10,000 of those involved in the strike. It has cost the Los Angeles area economy alone an estimated \$1 billion or more. Based on the guild’s summary of the deal, it is similar to the agreement reached with directors. It provides union jurisdiction over projects created for the Internet based on certain guidelines, sets compensation for streamed, ad-supported programs and increases residual payments for downloaded movies and TV programs.

‘Fool’s Gold’ hits jackpot of dull suspense, romance

By Anita Pere
Staff writer

Fool’s Gold weaves drama, suspense and humor into a tight, neat package, with a dash of fun around every corner. For every adult that still has a piece of that treasure-hungry kid inside of them — or just wants to see a comedy that’s mildly intelligent — *Fool’s Gold* will entertain ... for a little while, at least.

MOVIE REVIEW

The movie starts with a quick history lesson of The Queen’s Dowry, the treasure that Ben “Fin” Finnegan (played by Matthew McConaughey) and Tess Finnegan (played by Kate Hudson) seek in the beautiful, clear waters of the northern Caribbean.

A relentless hurricane struck some Spaniards could attempting to deliver the dowry to the queen in Cuba so she can marry. The queen’s valuables now rest somewhere in the Caribbean Sea, waiting to be uncovered.

After years of searching and fighting with her husband (who she admits to marrying for sex after having met him on spring break), Tess lost faith in finding the treasure and takes a job as a server on the yacht of amiable-billionaire Nigel Honeycutt.

But Finn is fronted the money, courtesy of rapper Big Bunny, to keep searching. Big Bunny runs his own personal island like he’s a mafia boss and attempts to have Finn killed when Fin’s boat, *Booty Call*, accidentally goes up in flames,



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Matthew McConaughey portrays Ben “Fin” Finnegan, and Kate Hudson portrays Tess Finnegan in a scene from *Fool’s Gold*.

leaving Finn without resource. But no worries. By a twist of fate, Nigel befriends Finn, even though Tess and Finn’s divorce is newly finalized. Nigel offers Finn his stylish yacht to cruise for “booty” in.

There are narrow escapes and priceless spoils at stake ... yada yada yada. But what audiences will more likely take home is the boyish perfection of Hudson’s body as she risks life and scrawny limb; or for us ladies, McConaughey’s shirtless body as he risks life and bulging muscle to save Tess’ romantic interest. But the perfect, tan figures come at the price of slight boredom, as the movie is drawn out and not exceedingly hilarious.

It’s not as charmingly funny (or romantically sappy) as director Andy Tennant’s previous works, including *Hitch* and *Sweet Home Alabama*. Alfonz, Finn’s sidekick, is added for pure comedic effect, but his half-unintelligible babbling isn’t

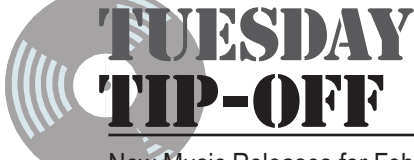
funny and has been done before, seemingly channeling Farmer Fran from *The Waterboy*.

While suspense wasn’t in short supply, many parts of the movie could have been made more thrilling. Tess and Finn share with Nigel and his daughter, Gemma, the history and worth of the treasure in a scene that toils on for what feels like 15 minutes. This scene and the background text given at the film’s start could have been spruced up with characters acting out the dialogue.

A hurricane that shipwrecks a boat and sprinkles treasure chests on the ocean floor would be a lot more engrossing if audiences could see it acted out.

If you don’t have a good attention span or passion for history, you should skip this flick. But if you’re a Jimmy Buffet-sympathizer who likes comedy with a dose of intelligence, it’s worth the money.

Grade: B-




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Filmmakers bridge generation gap with documentary

By Amanda Robison
Entertainment editor

A group of young filmmakers recently joined together to create a project aimed at connecting generations through the stories of World War II veterans.

The documentary, aptly titled *Generations*, takes World War II veterans, their sons and their grandsons back to their respective battlegrounds to document the soldiers' stories. The crew is made up of two Baylor students, one Baylor alumnus and a University of Texas alumna. As members of the Millennial Generation, one of the main goals for the film was to say thank you to the Greatest Generation (U.S. citizens who fought in World War II), said Baylor alumnus Jonathan Reynolds, the film's director and producer.

"We want it to serve as a time capsule to inspire younger generations," Reynolds said.

Though the crew had been discussing the idea for some time, it didn't come to fruition



Courtesy photo

Pearl Harbor survivor Herb Weatherwax poses with the *Generations* documentary crew at the Arizona Memorial in Hawaii.

until this past September, when they began planning the first trip, which would be to Pearl Harbor on the anniversary of its attack, Dec. 7. With plenty of vision in mind, the crew ventured to Honolulu, Hawaii, where they met Herb Weatherwax, a 90-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor.

Weatherwax, a Honolulu

native who volunteers regularly at the Arizona Memorial, said in a phone interview that he was "willing to participate because (the documentary) was something interesting."

Weatherwax, his son Clarence and his grandson Mac, were the first "generations" the filmmakers interviewed about their experiences. The crew

admitted that they "could not have planned it better, story-wise or visually."

They conducted the interviews on film at the memorial, the Punchbowl Cemetery and the Sheffield Barracks, where Weatherwax was based. Weatherwax said though he had shared some worn-out stories with his family, he had never been back to the sites with them.

"It was really the ultimate experience and really touching to me," he said. "It's hard to describe it in words. But the situation actually made us closer."

Reynolds said this was exactly what the documentary was attempting to capture. He said "it's a story about people putting aside differences and finding common ground."

"It's the exploration of inter-generational perspectives and the relation between the generations," Reynolds said.

And with 1,000 veterans dying every day, this may be the last chance to hear their stories.

"There's plenty of history

available, but few personal tales of the actual experience," Reynolds said. He said the ultimate goal for the documentary is to get it into classrooms, to educate and enlighten future generations.

Waco junior Taylor Rudd, the cinematographer for the project, said the film will be "relevant to anybody, from eighth graders to seniors in college."

Rudd, along with Waco senior Jon Davis, who worked with sound and audio, said their studies in the film and digital media department helped. When they encountered a problem with a lighting angle, Rudd recalled a piece of advice that Dr. Corey Carbonara, professor of communication studies, had imparted to them: "Raise up the light."

"It took two and a half years to get the value in that," Rudd said.

Davis, who joined the project just two weeks prior to the Pearl Harbor trip, was forced to reorganize his finals schedule to

work on the film.

"You never know when the opportunity will come up to use what you've learned, from class or from life," he said.

Jamie Jones, assistant director and producer, said she wanted to encourage students "to take advantage of learning, because you will have opportunities to use it." She said the project has been fulfilling to actually do it and know they are contributing something to future generations. The crew plans to travel to three other well-known battle locations: Normandy, Iwo Jima and the Battle of the Bulge.

Reynolds said he hoped the film will document "not just World War II, but exemplify the perfect archetype of the human fight for freedom."

Weatherwax said he felt the crew's objective to connect multiple generations will be achieved.

"It was something exceptional," he said. "The way we showed our emotions will be felt by whoever sees it."

Winehouse grabs 5 Grammys, but loses album of the year in shocker

By Ryan Pearson
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Amy Winehouse, Herbie Hancock and Kanye West didn't provide quite enough drama to enthrall television viewers. Preliminary estimates Monday indicate the Grammy Awards telecast was watched by 17.5 million people.

Nielsen Media Research said that would make it the third least-watched Grammy Awards show ever if later estimates confirm that number.

On a night filled with nods to the show's 50-year history, the most trophies went to Winehouse, a 24-year-old singer known for her old-soul voice. The most sought-after prize, for "Album of the Year," went to veteran jazzman Hancock, an 11-time Grammy winner, for his Joni Mitchell tribute disc.

Both Winehouse and Hancock were dumbstruck by the

honors, fumbling for words and thank-you lists, respectively.

"I can't believe I've won five awards," Winehouse said. She coyly sang "Rehab" and "You Know I'm No Good" via satellite from London, then dedicated her record of the year trophy to her hometown, parents and husband, "my Blake, my Blake incarcerated."

Hancock, whose *River: The Joni Letters* won "Album of the Year," said after the show that it was "immeasurable how surprised I am." Industry observers had expected either Winehouse's *Back in Black* or West's *Graduation* to take the prize. There was speculation the two may have split the vote of younger, more pop-centric National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences voters, leaving the door open for Hancock.

That result left the typically outspoken West in no mood to share his thoughts. West won

four trophies, but after losing out once again in the "Album of the Year" category he'd made no secret of coveting, he skipped post-show interview rooms. "I'm good," he said quietly, in response to questions about how he felt. It was a subdued echo of the exuberant call on his "Good Life," which won for rap song.

Winehouse, who won five of the six awards for which she was nominated, perhaps best embodied the evening's spirit of joining the old with the new. Her sound, cultivated on *Back to Black* by producer of the year winner Mark Ronson, blends '50s flavors with modern subject matter and hip-hop influences.

Along those lines, show producers began the evening with Alicia Keys singing "Learnin' The Blues" alongside archival footage of Frank Sinatra, a la Natalie Cole's "Unforgettable" duet with her deceased father in

1992. "Yeah, Frank," Keys interjected during a Sinatra verse. "Tell 'em."

Beyonce was paired with Tina Turner for a showy (and leggy) rendition of "Proud Mary." Kid Rock joined up with Keely Smith, a winner in the very first Grammys in 1958, for "That Old Black Magic."

The Beatles were honored by performers from two new interpretations of their music, the Cirque du Soleil show *Love* and Julie Taymor's film *Across the Universe*.

Memories dominated West's performance of "Hey Mama," a once-exuberant song from his 2005 album "Late Registration" that he has transformed into a somber tribute since his mother Donda's sudden death last year.

"Last night I saw you in my dreams. Now I can't wait to go to sleep," he sang in the night's most emotional performance.

Accepting the award for rap

album, West spoke to his mother: "I appreciate everything and I know you are really proud of me right now, and I know you wouldn't want me to stop and you'd want me to be the No. 1 artist in the world."

Politics were a subtle backdrop to the evening. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama won an award for spoken word album, for the audio version of his book, *The Audacity of Hope*. Presenter George Lopez took note of the historic nature of the Hillary Clinton and Obama candidacies, and will.i.am urged the crowd to vote after a strange freestyle billed as a "mash-up."

And finally, Hancock borrowed Obama's favorite campaign phrase, "Yes we can," when summing up the significance of a jazz artist winning album of the year. (The last was 1964's *Getz/Gilberto*, a collaboration between Stan Getz and Joao Gilberto.)



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Herbie Hancock poses Sunday with his awards for "Best Album of the Year" and "Best Contemporary Album" at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards.

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The Obama camp is opening an office Saturday in Austin where volunteers can sign up to campaign in the Central Texas area. Ian Davis, volunteer coordinator for Texans for Obama, will work at the office and said he already sees a heightened political activism emerging in Texas.

"I think the excitement is through the roof," Davis said. "I've been doing campaigns for many years now, and I'm seeing people who don't normally get involved coming out and getting active."

With 228 Democrats' delegates up for grabs, Texas will be a critical state in determining the party's nomination.

The Associated Press reported Monday that Obama and Clinton will have a debate on Feb. 21 at the University of Texas.

According to Jana Hixson, associate director of the Baylor Office of Public Affairs, candidates will only be allowed to come onto Baylor's campus if they are participating in a debate that involves all candidates on the ticket.

Because Baylor is a nonprofit institution, its 501(c)(3) status requires that the university remain nonpartisan in political campaigns in order to stay tax exempt. The policy will be enforced until March 7.

Plano junior Stephanie Formas works with the Clinton campaign and is disappointed that candidates won't be able to speak individually on campus.

"I think Baylor is doing the best it can to get students politically motivated and activated, but I think there could be more cooperation on getting candidates on campus," she said. "I don't know how that could happen, because I really do understand Baylor's situation."

Formas said Clinton is coming to Texas today and will be campaigning in El Paso and San Antonio, hoping to lock the Latino vote.

"Senator Clinton has been winning the Latino vote 2-1 because of her strong policies on getting the economy back on track, a major concern of

most voters," Formas said. "The Democratic nomination is head to head, and Texas, especially Latino voters, will have a major say in determining the Democratic nomination. It's an exciting time to be a Democrat in Texas."

Formas said that Clinton is coming to Texas today and will be campaigning in El Paso and San Antonio the rest of the week.

Baylor Republicans are also gearing up for the primary, and last week's straw poll results showed that Huckabee is the favorite among conservatives on campus. While Sen. John McCain still has a significant lead over Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor won several states over the weekend, campaigning with a message of hope.

"The governor outperformed expectations in Kansas and Louisiana," said Vincent Harris, Fairfax, Va., sophomore. "He did well not just with the evangelicals this weekend, and he is showing that he is still viable past the southern electorate."

Harris is the Huckabee blogger and was the online director for the Iowa campaign.

Harris said he had hoped Huckabee would come to Baylor before finding out about the recently-stated policy.

"Baylor is a conservative school and I respect that they're not trying to upset anyone and play fair, but I think with the student body overwhelmingly supporting Huckabee, students have a right on campus to hear what he says."

The Waco Mike Huckabee for President 2008 Meetup Group is a local organization that campaigns for the former governor. Information for its next meeting on March 1 can be found on its Web site: mike-huckabee.meetup.com.

Rockwall senior Blake Buchanan, organizer of the Huckabee group, is ready for the presidential hopefuls to travel across the Lone Star State.

"I think for the first time in a while the Texas primary will carry a lot more weight than it has in the past," he said. "I'll be excited to see all the remaining candidates actually come through Texas in full swing."

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Grayson said that the renovations to the campus are a step in the right direction for a fresh look for East Waco.

"We need to see this area come to life," Grayson said. "The

Paul Quinn campus is a historical marker that deserves to have education and life brought back to it. The redevelopment and stimulation of the neighborhoods and businesses would bring a needed revitalization."

Dugat lists three areas of improvement for the city.

PREACH from page 1

Many people stop to talk to Morris, although he said he has learned to just keep preaching

when someone tries to argue with him.

After graduation, Morris said he hopes to stay at Baylor for about a year to continue to work for the revival movement on Baylor cam-

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tional policy.

"It makes sense to be more inclusive," Oliver said.

The board also approved the construction of a new Carlile Geology Research Building, a \$1.3 million investment.

The facility, which will be located adjacent to the Baylor Sciences Building, will span 5,400 square feet and include a lab classroom, six faculty labs and storage space for soil, rocks and sediment. Lilley said this building will facilitate the literal "dirty side of geology."

Dr. Steven Driese, professor and chairman of the geology department, described the grimy work, which has been relocated to the Baylor Sciences Building until the new building is ready.

Driese explained the "grain-size" analysis of soils and sediments and the analysis of physical properties of sediment. Students also prepare materials for geochemical analysis, which requires grinding and pulverizing rocks.

The O'Grady Building, located at Second Street and LaSalle Avenue, housed the geology research equipment while without a build-

ing.

But Driese said some faculty members are housing equipment in their home garages. He said his own lab is cluttered with sediment and rocks, as space for materials has been limited.

Driese said he is grateful that he will soon have his own storage space for research materials in the new building.

"I'm just so happy that this is coming together as quickly as it is," Driese said.

The university will supply the construction cost for the facility, with additional funding (originally for remodeling the old geology facility) from the Carlile family. Construction will begin this spring and wrap up fall 2008.

Also in the sciences, the Institute for Ecological, Earth and Environmental Sciences (known as TIE3S) was approved, along with a doctoral program in Ecological, Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Joseph White, professor of biology and director of the institute, said collaboration between the disciplines of science is paramount to addressing environmental issues. "When you start dealing with environmental problems,

"I think economic, residential and educational development are the three main focus areas," Dugat said. "I would specifically like to see Elm Street become a well preserved historic thoroughfare. I'd love to see it turn into a modern strip with commercial properties and

pus.

He explained his preaching method with an analogy he had heard: if someone's house was on fire, you wouldn't knock gently on the window to let them know. You

shopping centers."

The 2000 U.S. Census Bureau reported 26.3 percent of persons below the poverty line in Waco. Sections of East Waco also remain economically challenged, while some schools do not meet state standardized testing requirements.

would yell and try to get them out and save them.

"When you look at Scripture, you think, 'Well gee, I wonder what I'm supposed to do here,'" Morris said.

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