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Supporters of Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama cheer and hold up their signs Tuesday at J. P. Henderson Elementary in Houston, before Clinton's campaign stop arrival.

## Bush endorses McCain for the Republican nomination

By Sommer Ingram  
Staff writer

The race isn't over yet. In fact, it's just begun.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-NY., has solidified her spot in the battle for the democratic nomination for at least six more weeks. Though predictions that Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., would win the big states in Tuesday's primaries and virtually knock Clinton out of the election, the former first lady escaped her forecasted doom.

Despite Clinton's victories in

Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island, her wins made only a marginal difference in the delegate count.

Because the Democratic Party splits votes proportionally as opposed to the winner-take-all method employed by Republicans, Clinton still trails Obama.

"Each of these primary contests are distributed proportionally in the Democratic Party, and Clinton is having trouble overtaking Obama precisely because of that fact," said Dr. Martin Medhurst, distinguished professor of rhetoric and communications and professor of political science. "As long as he's in the race getting almost as many delegates as she does, she won't be able to beat him."

Even with her minimal gain

in delegates, Clinton's big state wins have rejuvenated the Clinton campaign, somewhat relieving the disappointment of her eleven straight losses.

"The impact of these primaries for Clinton was to create an impression of momentum," Medhurst said. "Now that she can say she won three or four important states, it reinvigorates her supporters, her donators, and gives her momentum into the next election. If she is able to maintain it, she'll be able to say 'Look, I won all the big states in the last two months.' That can make a difference."

Medhurst said Clinton could even take her momentum as far as to challenge the disenfranchisement of the votes she won

in Florida and Michigan, where primaries were held in violation of national party rules. As a result of this violation, the states aren't allowed to send delegates to the national convention.

"If Clinton's momentum continues and she continues to get votes that move her closer still in the delegate count, she may very well challenge the decision," Medhurst said. "Because once she gets close enough, she will be able to say that the vote is virtually tied and that the delegates she gained there deserve to be recognized."

Even if Clinton is unsuccessful in this endeavor, her battle is still not lost. Despite the current

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## Fans get feisty as Bears fall to Aggies, 71-57

By Will Parchman  
Sports editor

It was wild, emotional, full of twists and every bit the rivalry game it was billed to be.

Only this time the ball didn't bounce Baylor's way.

Joseph Jones and Donald Sloan led all players with 17 points each and Texas A&M University (22-8, 8-7) defeated Baylor 71-57 Wednesday night in front of 10,545 raucous fans at the Ferrell Center.

The loss drops the Bears (20-9, 8-7) into a three-way tie for fourth place in the Big 12 with the Aggies and the University of Oklahoma.

Baylor goes on the road for its final game of the regular season Saturday to play Texas Tech University, a game that's suddenly essential for Baylor's postseason hopes.

Wednesday's game was a rematch of the Jan. 23, five-overtime Baylor win and the emotions of the evening bubbled over in the second half, culminating on the game's final play.

With the Aggies leading 69-57 with less than 10 seconds left, Sloan threw himself an alley-oop dunk off the backboard as time expired. Bottles, cans and food reigned down onto the court in disapproval as



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

After a close game, Bear Pit fans boo University of Texas A&M players off the court of the Ferrell Center Wednesday night. Two A&M fans were escorted out the arena for misconduct during the game. The Bears lost 71-60.

Baylor head coach Scott Drew prepared to hand the microphone to the seniors for their post-game speeches.

"I didn't like it. The arena was already hostile," Texas A&M head coach Mark Turgeon said. "They were throwing bottles all over the place which was ridiculous. I wish (Sloan)

would have just let the clock go out. The game was over."

The Aggies toyed with their lead for the entire second half but couldn't pull away until around the three-minute mark. And after

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## Recyclemania breaks tonnage record with 32.6

Charly Edsitty  
Reporter

Although the Recyclemania competition has only just passed the half-way point, Baylor has already broken a recycling record. Last month, 32.6 tons were recycled, which represents 20 percent of the total recycled tonnage from last year.

Baylor is in its sixth week of the contest, which is a ten-week national recycling competition between colleges and universities.

The numbers for last week, week five, indicated that .52 pounds per person were recycled and a total of 8,800 pounds were recycled.

"We are really pleased with the success so far," said Pattie Orr, university sustainability committee chairwoman and dean of libraries. "The accomplishment is, in part, due to the resident recycling program."

Baylor has recently made significant strides to increase environmental awareness on campus through the university sustainability committee, which began last fall.

At a Feb. 29 meeting between *The Baylor Lariat* editorial board and President John Lilley, recycling and other efforts of the sustainability committee were discussed. Lilley expressed appreciation

for the university's adoption of more environmentally-friendly practices, such as the addition of recycling bins in residence halls.

Lilley also said he was proud of the recent progress made by the committee and that on-campus recycling was a priority.

The committee has created a three-phase process to make recycling on campus more accessible.

Phase one, placing new recycling bins in residential housing, is complete and phase two is underway with plans to place more recycling bins in "high traffic" areas like the libraries and the student union building.

Orr explained that the committee is currently looking at some of the public areas on campus in order to figure out what types of containers should be placed there.

They are also working with housekeeping to determine which trash cans are most heavily used.

"It's about convenience," Orr said. "We want to make it easy to recycle and hard to throw away trash."

Faculty and staff are also being urged to help the recycling cause. Orr explained that white recycling boxes could be

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## Former director of Bill Daniel Student Center dies at 71

By Shannon Daily  
Staff writer

The former director of the Bill Daniel Student Center, Ruben M. Santos, died early Wednesday morning at his home in Waco. He was 71.

After coming to Baylor as a student in 1955, Santos worked as the temporary assistant director and then director of the Student Union. He worked there from 1967 until his retirement in 2002, a total of 35 years.

As director of the Student Union, Santos worked to coordinate campus programming, a job which now falls under the umbrella of Student Activities.

Within the Waco community, Santos served as a City Council member from 1983 to 1990 and

as Waco mayor in 1985.

Ticket and information assistant Lynn Freyer said she remembers working with Santos on his campaign.

"We worked with him on his campaign for mayor, which was fun," Freyer said. "In fact I think I may still have one of his T-shirts, and that's been a while."

Freyer said Santos was always good about bringing his work family and his home family together.

"He's got two daughters and a son, and they all ran around the union building growing up," Freyer said.

Santos, his children and his wife, Barbara Ann, would put up the Christmas decorations for the student center each year, Freyer said, and they would always get

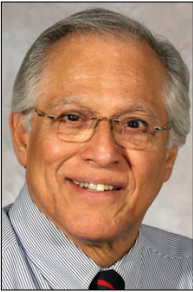
the faculty and staff involved.

"Barbara Ann would cook a big Thanksgiving dinner when

we would all work here putting the Christmas decorations up, and we'd all have a family dinner even though we were working," she said.

Baylor is very family-oriented, especially within the student center, Freyer said.

"When one person has a problem, we all have a problem.



Santos

And we've had some good times and we've had some bad times, and this is one of the bad times, because he'll be missed," she said.

Dr. Martha Lou Scott, a colleague of Santos' for more than 30 years, said she remembers him as a remarkable, creative and extremely talented person.

Santos was a very involved individual both on campus and in the community, she said.

"He probably is best loved for the care he took in making the student center, the union building, the SUB, whatever generation you are, and literally making it the living room of the university. All were welcomed there," she said.

He had a huge smile, and his heart was even bigger than his

smile, Scott said.

Dana Lee Haines, associate director of student activities facilities and operations, remembers working with Santos during both her time as a student and as a faculty member.

"He was a very generous person, very giving, very caring, very talented," she said.

Haines said even while they weren't working together, their families became friends.

"He was a family man, definitely," she said. "And with his family, we all maintained our friendships. We had our football tickets together and our baseball tickets together," she said.

When Baylor went to the college World Series in baseball in 2005, Haines road-tripped to Omaha, Neb., with Santos and

his oldest grandson, Cooper, to see the game.

"All of us piled in the car, and we drove to Omaha," Haines said. "I got us lost, so I let his grandson pick out the hotel where we stayed."

Santos was very important in her life, she said.

"Anybody who knew him knew it was a joy to have him as a friend," Haines said.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, followed by the burial at Oakwood Cemetery. The church is located at 1300 Columbus Ave.

The family will welcome visitors at 6 p.m. Friday at the Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Garden Room located at 6101 Bosque Blvd.



# Obama campaign going strong but race isn't over

Even if the writer's strike had caused an absence of reality TV this spring, America still would have had an American Idol. His name: Barack Obama.

Whether you like him or not, there's no denying that this charismatic 46-year-old has swept the nation off its feet. Setting fundraising records and stirring up expansive grass roots support, Obama has become more than a man — he has become a movement.

He has engaged the youth, electrifying their voice and ripping apart their apathetic stereotype. And he has swayed many independent voters who are tired of candidates with a Washington stench.

One woman I met called

him a “phenomenon.” She was one among many of the Waco Obama office volunteers who literally dropped what they were doing, hopped on a plane and came to Texas to support their beloved leader.

This example of dedication represents the way Obama's message has ignited a passionate rally cry for change, which has rippled throughout the land and captured the hopes of millions.

“He's making us realize that we can get involved in politics, and we can make a difference,” one of the volunteers said. “When he's elected, it won't be that we're sitting back watching him do something different, but we're actually going to be in

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BY ASHLEY KILLOUGH

there doing something different with him.”

He has promised interactive decision-making, saying he would involve the American public in the issues, an invigorating idea for those who feel stymied by Washington politics.

Obama's diverse background has also attracted the international community. ABC News did a feature on Obama's foreign support, quoting people from

India, Kenya and Pakistan who say they would vote for Obama if they could.

“He's creating a new image for America,” one man said from Dubai.

Things seem almost too good to be true, and the press recently came under scrutiny for not scrutinizing Obama. The ironic media twist has stimulated a debate among pundits and journalists over soft press for the presidential candidate.

But does this man deserve the esteemed attention he has been awarded throughout this campaign? With a young career and relatively clean slate, it's hard to argue against the man's integrity at this point.

But the night is young for the

Illinois senator. He may have made it to the finals, but there's always room for mistakes. Should he secure the Democratic Party nomination, he has a long road ahead till November to keep the bar set high. In the spirit of competition, people will dig deep and search out anything that smells of scandal or incompetence.

While I did not vote for Obama, I pray this doesn't happen to him. I hope he maintains his integrity and positive campaigning.

Sen. Hillary Clinton also has an abundant fan base, but there's just something about the Obama crowd that speaks louder than numbers. It is a movement of strength and unparalleled fame,

of grass roots support and ambitious ideals, of fresh outlooks and hopeful optimism.

However, Obama still has another hurdle to jump before he can gear up for the general election. Tuesday's primary results prove that America hasn't written off Clinton and that a winning streak can't last forever.

Obama may still hold the lead, but his campaign has been dealt a blow this week. If his followers truly want to see him in the Oval Office, now is the time more than ever, for the Obama movement to push the pendulum swing of momentum even higher.

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## Editorial

# Prison reform needed

With such diverse candidates in the upcoming election, America could be on course to cross some significant cultural boundaries, but another milestone was recently reached in our country that is not so positive.

A Pew report released last week revealed that for the first time in U.S. history, 1 in 100 of American adults is in prison.

The United States now bears the title of the nation that imprisons more people than any other country in the world. It's safe to say that's not a title the U.S. was gunning for, and definitely not one its citizens will be boasting about. It is time for all of us to take a long and hard look at our prisons and what we can do to change things.

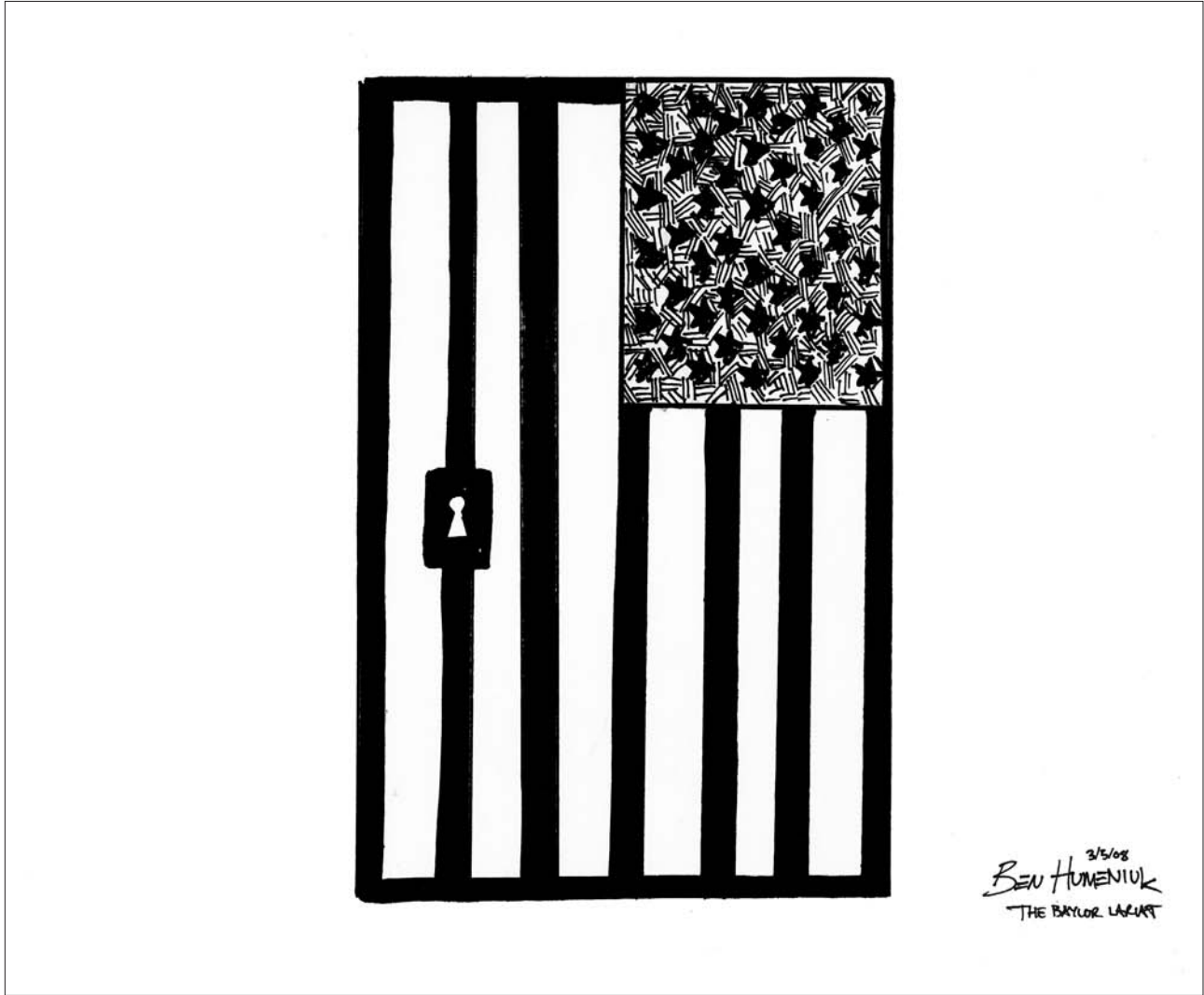
Though the report was filled with bad news, for Texans, there's a bright side: Texas was noted as one of the states trying to lower, or at least slow, the growth of its inmate population.

The Pew report makes recommendations for reducing the prison population, many of which Texas has already put into action.

Along with Kansas, Texas has taken steps to curb the growth by using community supervision (as opposed to imprisonment) for low-risk offenders. It also uses sanctions other than re-imprisonment for technical parole or probation violations.

These two states stand out as the only ones that have acted proactively to control the prison population.

Unfortunately, the cost of keeping people in prison is spiralling out of control. According to the report, the rate of increase in prison spending was six times greater than spending



for higher education. Last year alone, prison spending came in at more than \$49 billion — a more than \$30 billion dollar increase in the last 20 years.

Texas spent \$3.3 billion last year on corrections and did not fall under the category (like four other states did) of spending more on prisons than higher education. This is good news for Texas, but not for the rest of the country.

These statistics are forcing state and federal governments to take a look at their criminal justice systems.

Though crime rates (particularly violent crimes) have actually been on the decline in the past 20 years,

the number of prisoners is gradually climbing.

If America wants to continue this trend, we should just keep doing what we're doing. But if we want to reduce the costs and lower the prison population, we've got to make some changes.

The crackdown on crime and offenders has to approached in a different manner, like Texas and Kansas have already begun doing.

One of the main reasons cited in the report for the rise in the prison population is tougher sentencing laws, including the three-strike laws.

Other states may be hesitant to

loosen the grip on lesser offenders, but it will end up only hurting them and imprisoning people whose punishment doesn't fit the crime.

We commend the Texas Legislature for acting to make changes, such as including expansions of drug treatment programs and revisions to parole practices. Because of these changes, Texas is one step ahead of the rest of the country, even though our prison system is the largest, with about 172,000 inmates.

As elections near and people continue to talk about change, let's make reforming our prisons a priority. This is one change we desperately need.

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## Letters to the editor

### Coal plant anger misplaced

I was one of the many students who read Tuesday's anti-coal editorial and visited the coal awareness demonstration near the Bill Daniel Student Center. While I applaud activism and environmental awareness, I think the recent criticisms of energy companies and coal plants are misplaced.

In our market-driven society, businesses will stretch environmental regulations to their limit in order to keep prices low and profits high. This is, of course, true of energy companies.

The real question is whether or not we should find fault with businesses who pollute the environment while still operating inside federal regulations. Though it is possible for a coal plant to produce no pollutants, doing so is costly and, at this point, hypothetical.

Without an incentive package from the federal government or stricter legal requirements, energy companies will obviously keep the status quo.

The reasonable and charitable approach, in my opinion, is to argue for stricter environmen-

tal regulations and stop demonizing the energy companies who are operating inside the law.

If we choose to continue placing blame incorrectly, we won't see any results no matter how loudly we shout at passers-by near the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Brian Fuller  
Philosophy 2009

### Tunnel visit truly inspiring

Tonight I attended the Tunnel of Oppression with no real intention of exiting with such a

profound affect on my life. To be honest, I was just going to attend so I could write my two page extra credit assignment for my sociology class, but I left with so much more than just facts to write down.

I left with a clear vision that I want to help people, and I realized how lucky I am to be at Baylor University.

Baylor holds the resources, talent and knowledge necessary to be able to impact the vibrant and youthful future generations of our world.

I believe that through sim-

ple tasks such as the Tunnel of Oppression we are doing just that.

Because college is so much more than learning — it's about finding life's mission and purpose.

Personally I get so caught up in trying to achieve a certain status of success that I forget I share this world with more than six billion people.

Loving and caring for the needy should be the top priority on our to-do-list.

Following the teaching of Jesus Christ, the most dedicated

philanthropist, we should dedicate time in our week to showing love to the needy in our community.

At the end of my life I know I want to be proud of who I helped not how much money I made on the merger, or the fancy car I drove.

I hope that my peers and colleagues acknowledge similar feelings and Baylor University can continue to make an impact.

Kate Williams  
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# Work, life topics of speech

By Alex Abdallah and Crystal Hernandez  
Reporters

Vicki Langan, senior vice president of operations at Curves International, will use her experiences to mentor students in balancing both business and family life. She will speak on the topic "The Power of a Woman: Balancing the Professional and the Personal," at an event held by Baylor Business Women from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today on the fifth floor of Cashion.

Langan said her job history and current status at Curves International has helped her mentor many females in the industry. She is responsible for overseeing more than 10,000 Curves locations and 4 million members worldwide.

"Some of my happiest times were with women: promoting health, promoting careers, anything I can do to help," she said.

Baylor Business Women's fac-

ulty adviser Melanie Smith said the speaker will give her brief entrepreneurial history and advice on balancing the professional and the personal life.

Curves is sponsoring the evening, providing door prizes and a light dinner from George's.

Pasadena, Calif., senior Nicole Anderson, president of Baylor Business Women, said the organization came up with this topic at the end of last spring.

"The women in the business school seem to be very concerned about being a career woman and a family woman, and how they can best balance and commit themselves to both most effectively," she said.

Tulsa senior Sarah Andrews is involved with Baylor Business Women and looks forward to attending the event.

"I think they are always really interesting and they always bring in high-profile businesswomen," Andrews said.

Andrews said that Baylor Business Women's events always give students an oppor-

tunity to learn from women and the experiences they have had in the business world.

Smith said Baylor Business Women is for women, but both male and female students attend events.

The group features programs and workshops on topics such as integrating faith in the workplace and having a daily positive attitude.

Future programs include a mentoring program between members and successful people in business.

Rocio Lopez, the public relations and marketing co-chair for Baylor Business Women, said the evening will be motivational and empowering.

"Baylor has access to a lot of successful people that are willing to mentor students, and I'm excited to hear her speak," she said.

The event is free but reservations are required. Students can get more information or register at [www.baylor.edu/business/women](http://www.baylor.edu/business/women).



Luis Noble/Lariat staff

## Caught maroon-handed

Two Texas A&M University supporters draw heat Wednesday night at the men's basketball game at the Ferrell Center. A yellow basketball was thrown on the court. When a technical foul was called against Baylor, Baylor fans protested and pointed at the real culprits. Baylor Police escorted them off the premises.

# Group to appear on mtvU to raise suicide awareness

Belinda Colunga  
Reporter

Five Baylor students are going a long way physically and spiritually for their faith.

Five friends formed the Alive Campaign Nov. 4, 2007 after a good friend confessed he had attempted suicide.

While having dinner, they encouraged him to think about the great things in life, such as family, friends and marriage, El Paso junior Justin Brown said.

The other four members are Austin junior Steve Zimmerman; Okinawa, Japan junior Andi Nakasone; Schertz junior Kyle Ferguson; and Itasca senior Nathan Lloyd.

"We wanted to break that mold (of depression) and show him life is worth living," Brown said.

Within five months from the day they started, the group had interacted with interna-

tional suicide groups, developed online support groups, and even filmed for mtvU, a third network of MTV.

They are working with groups such as "Stamp Out Suicide," a suicide prevention organization from Ireland; Baylor Counseling Services; Subsidy Behavioral Health Care; Better Off Rocked" from Austin; and other groups from the United Kingdom.

The students' mission is to raise awareness about the seriousness of mental health issues like depression, cutting, bulimia, anorexia and suicide.

Their plan for spring break is to appear on mtvU for the "Dean's List" show, which they filmed in only two days, Zimmerman said.

It will air on the mtvU Web site Tuesday, for students who don't have satellite TV, he said.

"This has been such hard work, but it's made me closer to God," Zimmerman said. "It's

really given me a different perspective on life."

The students will be doing a top 10 countdown of songs related to their mission and message. Approximately 100,000 people are expected to watch, Brown said.

"We've got the best audience in the world," said Ross Martin, senior vice president of programming for mtvU. "One of the reasons college students are an amazing audience is because there is nothing more that colleges are most passionate about than new music, which is their religion."

The group of five auditioned for the show and were chosen for being "great characters who love music and who are living an incredible experience at Baylor," Martin said.

One of their biggest projects is working with a partnership between mtvU and the Jed Foundation, Brown said.

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# Bears triumph over Louisiana Tech, 7-6

By Brian Bateman  
Sports writer

Catcher Gregg Glime's running foul-ball grab kept the Bears from a repeat of Tuesday's loss, as Baylor (8-1) won their sixth one-run game 7-6 over Louisiana Tech University (7-4).

"We're having to find ways to win them," head coach Steve Smith said. "We are playing defense, for the most part, but we've got way better arms."

Baylor led 7-4 going into the ninth, but for the second time in two games, the vaunted Baylor bull pen struggled to bury the Bulldogs.

Senior Erik Forestiere gave up two quick hits before Aaron Miller and Nick Cassavechia joined in the inning. Cassavechia allowed just one hit and one walk, but didn't have the same fire from last year.

"Nick's not Nick right now and I don't think that's a secret," Smith said. Glime's catch bailed the Dallas senior out of the inning, which could have been his second blown save of the week. Instead, it was Cassavechia's fourth save of the year.

"I've been in that situation quite a bit," he said. "You have to forget about what happened yesterday and just play in the present."

Van sophomore Wade Mackey got the start and the win - his second of the season. He allowed five hits, three walks and four strike outs.

Mackey struggled early in the first, prompting a visit from head

coach Steve Smith. For the third time in four games, Baylor's opponent hit a lead off home run. Adam Cobb, the Bulldogs' top hitter with a .409 batting average, knocked the ball over the center fielder's head for a triple. He would score on Kevin Winn's single - his fourth such feat in six games. Less than 15 pitches into the game, Mace Thurman left the bull pen to begin warming up. Mackey would stay in, completing six innings.

Austin junior Mace Thurman came on in relief, while Pine Bluff, Ark., senior Erik Forestiere and Aaron Miller joined with Cassavechia for a five-pitcher game.

Lorena junior Ben Booker and Miller both had home runs for the Bears. Booker answered Cobb's homer, piping a second-pitch fastball 375 feet for a right field home run. Miller connected in the fifth for his fourth long ball of the year, ending his 1-for-6 hitting streak since his three home run game Saturday.

Baylor added four more runs in the bottom of the second. It was Plano freshman Chris Slater's first career start, and he made good use of it.

"(Burnett) started me off with two curveballs," Slater said. "I was just looking for something around the plate that I could hit."

Hitting 2-for-4, Slater knocked in two runners on that hit in the second. His success at the plate was on par with his performance in the field.

"He's not a right fielder by



David Poe/Lariat staff

Dallas senior Nick Cassavechia prepares for a pitch during the game against Louisiana Tech University Wednesday at the Baylor Ballpark. Baylor won, 7-6.

trade," Smith said. "He showed both his inexperience and his athleticism all at the same time."

Bulldog Luke Burnett took the loss for Louisiana Tech. In four innings he allowed seven runs on seven hits, while striking out three and giving four batters free trips to first.

But the game wasn't over. Clint Stubbs, who had the game-tying single Tuesday, hit a ground ball to second baseman

Landis Ware for an RBI single. Nick Grunwald came up to the plate and took Cassavechia to a full count before fouling the game-ending pop-up caught by Glime.

"We were up 7-1 at one point and they were still up there taking hacks," Miller said.

The Bears will travel to Starkville, Miss., for a weekend series with the Mississippi State University Bulldogs.

# Tisdale to face Cowgirls in final home game

By Justin Baer  
Sports writer

Angela Tisdale's time as a Baylor Bear has been memorable to say the least. The lone senior on the No. 8 Lady Bears, fans have witnessed the maturation of Tisdale starting her career off as a key reserve for the 2005 National Championship team into now the heart and soul of this year's team.

But as all great players come and go, Tisdale will embrace the floor of the Ferrell Center for the final time as a Lady Bear tonight as Baylor plays host to the No. 20 Oklahoma State University Cowgirls.

"My four years here have been great," Tisdale said. "I had a great experience winning the national championship. Everything that I have done here at Baylor and this

university has been fun."

Her most fun might be still to come though. A win tonight would clinch the second Big 12 Championship in Lady Bear history. And as Tisdale said, she wouldn't have her last game at home be any other way.

Tisdale's statistics are worthy enough to place her on the list of all-time greats for the Lady Bears.

The Austin native is the program's all-time assist leader (456) and currently No. 16 on Baylor's career scoring list with 1,293 points. The former Del Valle High School stand-out leads the Lady Bears with 15.9 points per game this season.

"The year she is having this year is why we are in the position to win a Big 12 Championship," head coach Kim Mulkey said. "I am sure Courtney Paris will win

Big 12 Player of the Year this year and next year, but I can't tell you that Courtney Paris is any more important to her basketball team than Angela Tisdale has been to this basketball team."

Still, many overlook the intangibles Tisdale brings to the team while on the floor.

A quiet and reserved person by nature, Tisdale's leadership ability is underappreciated at times. But even as one of the smallest players on the court, Tisdale demands respect with her playing style. A prime example of "Mulkey Ball," fans will always see Tisdale hustling or rummaging for a loose ball. She has raised the standard of what is expected and her playing style has rubbed off on her teammates.

The Lady Bears have posted a remarkable 109-22 record in

the 131 games she has donned a Baylor jersey. Even though the program was on the rise when she started her career at Baylor, Tisdale's efforts are a strong reason why the Lady Bears have sustained the level of excellence and prestige.

"She has taken us on her shoulders and delivered for us time and time and time again," Mulkey said. "I am just fortunate that I have had the opportunity to coach her. It's going to be sad for me, win or lose, when she plays for her last time in a Baylor uniform."

"She brings tremendous work ethic to the floor, that's something I hope the other players learn from her."

Tip-off for today's game will be at 7 p.m. The Lady Bears will honor Tisdale during pre-game ceremonies.

# Softball begins Florida tournament

By Victoria Turner  
Reporter

The No. 13 Baylor Softball team (13-3) will begin the University of Southern Florida Under Armour Classic today in Clearwater, Fla., playing against East Tennessee State University at 1:30 p.m.

The Bears will play six games in Clearwater, finishing Sunday against Hofstra University at 4 p.m.

Head coach Glenn Moore said the tournament should be a chance to show the team's potential.

"I look forward to seeing this team put it together, see aggression and cohesiveness, and see the potential the team has," he said.

Right-hand pitcher Jenny Isham said the team had high expectations for the tournament.

"Our expectations are to win every game down here," she said.

Catcher and infielder Courtney Oberg also shared these high expectations.

"We are coming to compete and we are coming to win," she said. "We know we are capable and we know we are good. There's going to be a lot of good competition here and we know we are just as good, if not better, than everyone out here."

One of the difficulties that the team faces is the change in the line-up because the team lost so many starting players last year, first baseman Jordan Daniels said.

Oberg agreed with Daniels.

"I think we are still trying to get used to the line-up and the different aspects of the team that we didn't have last year," she said.

After playing the Palm Springs Classic, Oberg said the team needs to bring together both the offensive and defensive sides of their game. Isham agreed.

"We found some weaknesses (in the Palm Springs Classic) and that's what we're going to work on," she said. "Sometimes our offense will be on and the pitching and defense won't be, and sometimes our pitching will be on. We need to pull it all together and we'll be pretty awesome if we could do that."

Moore also said that the team is still working on improving the line-up.

"Offensively, we are still moving things around and trying to find out who plays best behind whom," Moore said.

For Daniels, the Palm Springs Classic showed a positive side of the team.

"I think we had our good moments and some that were not so good," she said. "In those moments that we did well, we were able to see how much potential and how much great talent we have."

Once the Under Armour Classic ends, the Bears will continue onto the Big 12 championship on May 9 in Oklahoma City.

"We are wanting to use the momentum of winning this tournament to lead us into the start of the Big 12," Daniels said.

Since the team is still getting used to the changes in line-up and playing with each other, Isham had one concern for the Big 12: team unity.

"We need to really unify as a team and get everything together before the Big 12," she said.

The tournament will finish with a doubleheader against University of Oklahoma at 5 p.m. on April 30 at the Gettman Stadium.

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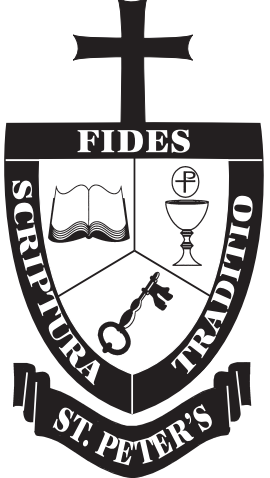
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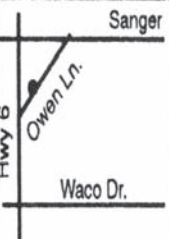
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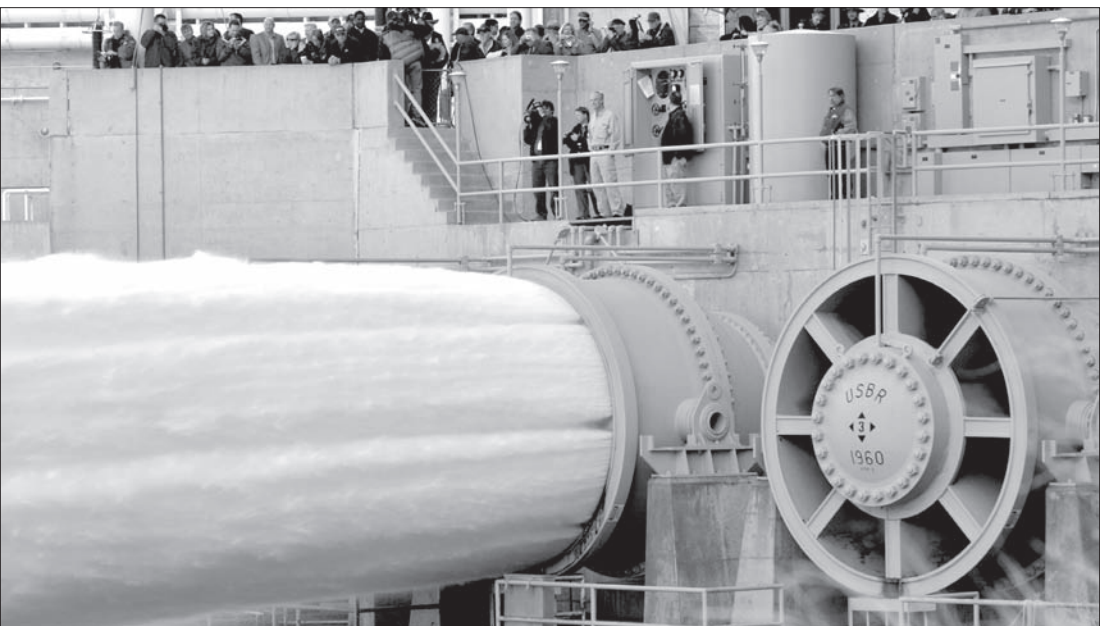
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Associated Press

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, watches water flow from the number one and two jet tubes at the Glen Canyon Dam after he released the valves Wednesday in Page, Ariz. The Department of Interior is experimenting with high flows of water from the dam to help rebuild beaches along the Colorado River that runs through the Grand Canyon.

# Flood released to boost Grand Canyon ecosystem

By Amanda Lee Myers  
The Associated Press

PAGE, Ariz. — Twin torrents of water unleashed from a dam coursed through the Grand Canyon on Wednesday in a flood meant to mimic the natural ones that used to nourish the ecosystem by spreading sediment.

"This gives you a glimpse of what nature has been doing for millions of years, cutting

through and creating this magnificent canyon," Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said after he pulled the lever releasing the water from Glen Canyon Dam, upstream from Grand Canyon National Park.

More than 300,000 gallons of water per second were being released from Lake Powell above the dam near the Arizona-Utah border.

That's enough water to fill the Empire State Building in 20

minutes, Kempthorne said.

The water gushed from the dam into the Colorado River below, creating a churning, frothy pool that glided past the salmon-colored sandstone walls of the canyon.

The dam is releasing four to five times its usual flow during the three-day flood.

The water level in the canyon will only rise a few feet, but officials hope that will be enough to restore sandbars on the Colo-

rado River downstream from the dam.

Officials have flooded the canyon twice before, in 1996 and 2004.

Before the dam was built in 1963, the river was warm and muddy, and natural flooding built up sandbars that are essential to native plant and fish species. The river is now cool and clear, its sediment blocked by the dam.

The change helped speed the extinction of four fish species and push two others, including the endangered humpback chub, near the edge.

Shrinking beaches have led to the loss of half the camping sites in the canyon in the past decade. Since Glen Canyon Dam was built, 98 percent of the sediment carried by the Colorado River has been lost, Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Steve Martin said.

Martin said man-made floods need to occur every time there's enough sediment to do so — about every one to two years depending on Arizona's volatile monsoon season.

"The science is really clear that's what we need to do," Martin said.

The Grand Canyon Trust, a Flagstaff-based group that has been critical of the federal Bureau of Reclamation's management of the dam, also is calling for more regular high flows.

"The power industry is driving the Bureau of Reclamation more than anything else, as opposed as to what's best for the canyon," trust spokesman Richard Mayol said.

Scientists will document habitat changes and determine how backwater habitats are used by the chub and other fish.

# Single-day fasting can have benefits

By Christina Kruse  
Staff writer

Recent health studies show that those who fast for 24 hours at a time are more likely to have a healthier heart arteries and pancreas. However, giving up food is not practiced for health reasons alone. Fasting is prevalent in Mormon, Christian and Muslim doctrine.

The Intermountain Health Collaborative Study showed that only 61 percent of Mormons had heart disease compared to 66 percent of non-Mormons, out of 4,629 people surveyed.

In addition to fasting, the first Sunday of each month Mormon doctrine requires members to stay away from caffeine, alcohol and tobacco.

However, researchers surveyed 515 Mormons, out of the initial 4,629 people studied, and concluded that 67 percent of non-fasting Mormons suffered heart disease.

However, only 59 percent of those who do fast suffered from heart disease.

A research study, released in spring 2003 from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests that fasting reduces heart rates, blood pressure and insulin levels.

Besides health perks, fasting is practiced for religious reasons, such as the month-long fast of Ramadan, observed by Muslims.

"Its to humble yourself, to

put yourself in the shoes of poor people," Ft. Worth senior Dalalle Ali said. "You are doing something for God, and while you are doing it you remember your faith."

Muslims who are participating in Ramadan must abstain from food or drink from sunrise to sundown.

"The first few days are the hardest, but you get used to it," said Dalalle.

After completing Ramadan, Dalalle says she feels better. "It cleans your system out."

Christian doctrine also suggests that followers should go without food in exchange for spiritual activity. During the season of Lent, Christians may choose to fast.

Throughout a fast, the body is forced to use fat reserves to burn calories. During a normal food diet, a person's insulin-producing cells activate in order to metabolize sugar intake. A diabetic's insulin-producing cells are less sensitive to food intake than normal insulin-producing cells. So, fasting gives the insulin-producing cells a break, letting the cells become sensitive to sugar again.

However, fasting for more than one day at a time breaks down muscles. It is dangerous for diabetics because major drops in blood sugar levels can cause a coma.

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Jerrells missed a 3-pointer with 1:43 left and Baylor down 47-55, the Bears were forced to foul and never drew closer than seven points the rest of the way.

"I think they did a good job with slowing it down and getting it inside and doing what they do," said junior guard Henry Dugat, who was held to eight points on 2-10 shooting.

Mini basketballs were thrown onto the court twice during the second half, both in protest of apparent bad calls. The public address announcer asked fans to keep objects off the court following the first occasion, but they weren't listening. The second ball was thrown following a called technical foul on Lace-Darius Dunn for heaving the ball down the court in frustration at the 1:01 mark. Two Aggie fans were tossed from the game as a result while hundreds of surrounding fans clad in Baylor colors enthusiastically pointed them out.

"I thought I was in Hoosiers," Aggie guard Beau Muhlbach said.

Curtis Jerrells and Mamadou Diene led Baylor with nine points each just four days after the team scored 100 in a win against the

University of Missouri. Seven Baylor players scored at least 10 points that night while none accomplished the feat Wednesday.

With 1:53 left to play and the Aggies holding a 47-53 edge, Jones set an aggressive pick on Baylor guard Tweety Carter, who hit the floor holding his neck and writhing in pain. A brief skirmish broke out between the two benches at half court and matching technical fouls were assessed, fouling Baylor center Mamadou Diene out of the game in the process.

"When you have rivalry schools that go at it like this and we're this close, and you have a game this meaningful, it's a situation where there's going to be more tense moments than normal," Drew said. "And I think our players were concerned with Tweety's health and I'm sure (Texas A&M players) were concerned with their team."

Texas A&M out-muscled the Bears 44-35 in rebounds, got to the line more often and were much more efficient on their 3-point attempts, making 5 of 12. Baylor shot 4-19 from range.

Baylor took a 31-30 lead with 16:11 left to play when Jerrells hit Baylor's first 3-pointer of the game. The Bears hit just three more all night and held just one more lead. Texas A&M success-



David Poe/Lariat staff

Henry Dugat gets fouled while going up for a dunk against Texas A&M Wednesday night.

fully slowed the tempo and put a halt to Baylor's high-octane guards.

"We know that we just have to stick with what we do and what has got us here," Dugat said. "Eventually they are going to fall, but tonight was just one of those nights in which they didn't."

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delegate count, the super delegates have yet to cast their votes.

"Super delegates, who are clearly going to be determining who gets the Democratic nomination, may be persuaded by her momentum," Medhurst said. "Right now both candidates are trying to position themselves to be able to say to the super delegates that they are the best candidate for the Democratic Party."

After her victories Tuesday night, Clinton hinted at the fact that she would be open to running on a joint ticket with Obama. However, Obama said he is continuing to keep his focus on the nomination at hand.

"Senator Obama is focused on taking things one step at a time," said Nick Kimball, spokesperson for the Obama campaign in Texas. "He wants people to continue getting to know him and his policies, so he will let the nomination process play itself out and then focus on that aspect."

With the Texas primary decided, the Waco campaign headquarters for Clinton and Obama will be closing down, campaign officials said.

"The Obama campaign office itself will be closed, but we plan to maintain a presence throughout the state," Kimball said. "I

believe that our widespread, diverse presence absolutely made a difference in Obama's results. The more people hear about his vision and his concrete plans for this country, the more they become convinced that he's the best choice to be the leader of this country."

Dr. Barry Hankins, professor of history and church-state studies, said he thinks the joining of the two candidates would be a smart move to make.

"I think it's more likely that Hillary would choose Obama as a vice presidential running mate than the other way around," he said. "But I think it would make a lot of sense from her perspective to do so. Hillary has strong supporters, but she also has very strong opposition, and this would bring the party together."

Presidential hopeful John McCain officially wrapped up the Republican Party nomination Tuesday night, and President George W. Bush formally endorsed his former rival Wednesday.

The million-dollar question seems to be whether the president's support will help or harm McCain.

"Clearly, the hope is that by Bush embracing McCain and McCain embracing Bush, this will help to solidify the party's base," Medhurst said. "The party's

base continues to be in support of Bush, and the votes McCain needs the most at this time are those. They are trying to rally the conservatives so the entire party will be behind McCain."

Since Bush most likely won't be extremely visible in campaigning for McCain, some believe that his endorsement won't make a big difference in the long run.

"Of course the Republican president is going to endorse the Republican nominee in one way or another," Hankins said. "I don't think this will really hurt him or help him, but the choice of his vice presidential running mate could have a more major impact. McCain still has work to do to get any feeling of excitement about him."

When former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee conceded the election, he urged his supporters to vote for McCain, who clearly lacks the large evangelical support network that Huckabee had on his side.

"How much of an impact his endorsement of McCain has on the election remains to be seen," Medhurst said. "It's generally very difficult to transfer your loyalties to another person. But in the end, it may not be one endorsement or another that changes people's minds; it may just be time."

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