

Campus programs seek to aid international students

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Assistant City Editor

From a city of Olympic proportions, Silvia Wang is one of the international exchange students who have embarked on a scholarly journey to join the Baylor community this fall.

The 20-year-old English and economics major from Tsinghua University in Beijing plans to study at Baylor for a year through the exchange program.

"I hope to take this opportunity to acquire a fresh outlook on academic and social life," Wang said. "Mostly, to expand the depth and breadth of education by taking courses not available at home university, such as languages and Asian studies from a Western perspective."

Language and cultural barriers, along with the absence of family and friends, can make the first few weeks of school confusing.

Along with the typical stresses a new student encounters, international students must worry about things such as immigration status and acquiring a Social Security number.

This is where the Center for International Education comes in, to help students with the more complicated aspects of their stay.

The international exchange students' two-day orientation differs from the typical Baylor orientation in that it focuses on matters such as immigration rules, obtaining Social Security

and health insurance, public safety, taxes, cyber-security and academic support, said Alexine Burke, international student adviser.

Despite their many responsibilities, the main focus of the staff at the office of International Student and Scholar Services is to help the students build relationships.

One way is through PAWS, People Around the World Sharing, a program that gives all Baylor students the opportunity to meet international students and form friendships.

"Most students come alone," said Beth Walker, international student relations coordinator. "PAWS is an intentional way to support, mentor and form a friendship with an international student."

The PAWS program is open for anyone to participate. The application can be found on the Center for International Education quick links page on the Baylor Web site.

Weatherford senior Christine Lagaly said she gained more than she imagined through her PAWS partnership with Hitomi Iwamoto from Japan.

"At first, I felt like I was too busy to make a commitment, so I was hesitant to take on the responsibility if I couldn't be there for her," Lagaly said. "However, I made time and it has been one of the most mutually rewarding friendships I've ever had."

Lagaly and Iwamoto's relationship grew beyond just cam-



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Chinese exchange student Silvia Wang hugs Woodway resident Lynn Segura Monday during move-in. Segura is Wang's welcome-family mother.

pus socializing and once-a-week activities. Iwamoto traveled home on holidays with Lagaly and even formed a close bond with Lagaly's family.

Lagaly said she encourages students to make a PAWS commitment.

"I think it was good for her to have someone to count on; that can make all the difference in someone's experience," she said.

"I think it's neat to learn

Upon arrival in Waco, international and exchange students are also set up with a welcome family in the Waco community, that volunteers to lend support and mentoring to the student throughout his or her stay.

Lynn Segura, Woodway resident and mother of two Baylor graduates, has been hosting international Baylor students for 13 years.

Becoming a part of the Baylor community also means becoming involved in extracurricular activities.

about the students' cultures and see how they adapt to American culture," Segura said. "My husband and I do mission work, so I feel like this is an extension of that."

Getting settled can mean simple things that typical students may take for granted, such as going to the grocery store and Walmart.

Without transportation, such things can prove difficult for international students.

Segura and her family have volunteered to be Wang's welcome family. Segura said that this will include things such as having her over for dinner, taking her on errands and weekend trips to places such as San Antonio.

"We will do the same things with the international students that we would do with our own girls," Segura said. "We try to be their substitute family, even though we can't take the place of their real families."

The organization sponsored a football clinic Aug. 16, to get students acquainted with the American sport and teach them Baylor chants and cheers.

According to Burke, these kinds of programs are crucial to ensuring the international exchange students don't go through a period of loneliness.

"The biggest challenge might be a feeling of isolation, which we try to address so they don't feel so alone and isolated," she said. "American students typically have mom and dad a few hours away to drive up here if they need them."

Although this may be a common problem, Wang is confident that she will make friends.

"I like to talk with and listen to people, and exchange ideas," Wang said. "I'm sure I will find friends in my classes and in other activities."

Former child development major imprisoned, fined for abusing boy

Jade Ortego

Staff Writer

A former Baylor student was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$10,000 after pleading guilty to charges of child abuse. Christa LaCole Dill, 21, was a child development major set to graduate this August.

The sentence was imposed and commenced in June.

The incident occurred Nov.

she accidentally inflicted while disciplining him with a belt while babysitting him.

CPS found Dill to be "the designated perpetrator of both physical abuse and neglectful supervision," CPS spokesperson Marissa Gonzales said.

Dill initially told investigators that the toddler was her child, though that was later learned to be false, Gonzales said.

Pictures of the child and a

belt, described as having a metal belt buckle and the letters "XL," were used as evidence in court.

In the State of Texas vs. Christa LaCole Dill, she was charged with one count of injury to a child, a third-degree felony and one count of endangering a child, a state jail felony.

According to page one of the indictment, "(Dill) striking with a belt on his body and with her hand or fist about his face ... did

therefore knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence, engage in conduct that placed

said toddler in imminent danger of death/bodily injury ... by leaving said toddler unattended in an unlocked apartment."

Dill pled guilty to the lesser charge of injury to a child and unsuccessfully sought probation.

The maximum sentence, assessed by a jury, was to be no

less than 2 years and not exceeding 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, and a \$10,000 fine. Her \$15,000 bond was issued April 22, 2008.

This is her first felony conviction, according to court documents.

The child is currently with a family friend. His parents are cooperating with CPS services, Gonzales said.

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Controversial jokes, actors disappoint in 'Thunder'

By Lee Ann Marcel
Contributor

If the excessive swearing and crude jokes about the mentally disabled, Vietnam veterans, drug addicts, pandas and small Burmese children don't bother you, you might find "Tropic Thunder" funny.

MOVIE REVIEW

It took the star-studded cast of Ben Stiller, Jack Black, and Robert Downey Jr., to bump "The Dark Knight," off its four-week throne at the box office raking in an estimated \$26 million, according to the Associated

Press.

Stiller, who directed the film, is known for his satire movies, but he may have gone too far with "Thunder."

The plot line is several big Hollywood egos join together to make a Vietnam war movie. But "the movie they think they're making isn't a movie anymore."

It's the politically-incorrect, unfunny version of "The Three Amigos."

The characters are introduced through a series of movie previews

Tugg Speedman, Stiller, is a blockbuster wash-up who has done one too many sequels to his action series.

Also, in an attempt to win an

Oscar, he stars in a movie about a mentally disabled man who can speak to animals.

Jeff Portnoy, Black, is a comedian who is known for his flatulence and stars in a movie featuring a fat family, similar to "The Klumps."

Kirk Lazarus, Downey Jr., is an award-winning Australian actor that embraces his roles too an extreme level. He undergoes a controversial surgery to play the African-American role in the Vietnam movie.

The movie within the movie opens with a scene similar to "Saving Private Ryan." Stiller intends to mock the intensity of war movies but devalues the brave stories of our nation's

past.

A controversial piece of satire involves Speedman's role in a movie called "Simple Jack." Stiller is poking fun at actors who play mentally disabled people in order to win awards, but several advocacy groups have taken the jokes to heart.

"It is offensive to the 4-5 million people that are living with intellectual disabilities, and the tens of millions of parents, siblings, family and friends," according to The Arc's Web site.

The Arc, a group that advocates for the rights of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, organized protests for the movie.

The organization called on

Ben Stiller to meet with persons with intellectual disabilities and their families and engage in an "honest and open dialogue about the offense this film perpetrates on them."

The acting of all three comedians was disappointing.

Black didn't stand out as being the side-bursting comedian he is, and Stiller and Downey Jr. dominate the screen with unfunny racist jokes.

The movie is average and the jokes are crude and tasteless. The Hollywood parody was funny, but it went too far making fun of veterans.

Either you'll love it or you'll hate it.

Grade: C-



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Ben Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, an actor in a movie that becomes real.

Classics, comedy fill year's theater

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment Editor

Opening with a satirical musical and ending with a tragic telling of life and love, the Baylor Theater season promises to be diverse and visually stunning.

"When the season was announced last spring the graduating seniors were really disappointed that they weren't going to be a part of it," said Sherry Ward, public relations manager of Baylor Theater.

The season opener is "Urinetown," directed by Dr. Stan Denman, the department chair.

"Even people who don't like musicals will like this one," Denman said.

The show's name might put off a lot of people, he said, but really it's Baylor and family friendly.

"Really the highlight of the show is the satire," Sulphur Springs junior Brandon Woolley said. "The comedy flies off the page when it's presented to an audience."

"Eurydice" follows "Urinetown" in the line-up. Sara Ruhl is the playwright and has a very contemporary voice, Ward said.

Ruhl adapts the classic story of Orpheus told from the perspective of his wife, Eurydice, she said.

"It's a love story that crosses the boundary of life and death," Denman said.

The water imagery in the play will be visually stunning on stage. One scene even calls for it to rain in an elevator.

Closing out the fall is the French classic "Cyrano de Bergerac." The five-act play calls for a huge cast, beautiful scenery and extravagant costumes.

"Live theater at its best," Woolley said.

It's the story of an ugly poet with a big nose and his inability to get the girl he loves. Being a romantic, he helps a swordsman woo her by telling him the words to say.

After Christmas break Baylor Theater will open with "Iphigenia 2.0."

The play is a re-telling of a Greek story about two lovers torn apart by war.

"There's a lot of commentary about social issues," Ward said. "The play is open to interpretation but it has the potential to start some discussion."

"Iphigenia 2.0" is not only laced with social issues but it also brings modern dance to the stage.

"It has the potential to draw you in to a whole other world," Ward said.

"Blood Wedding," a story of love, lust and hate ends the season, Denman said.

"There are a lot of different relationships being told," Woolley said. "It's about family and loss."

Baylor undergraduate theater is ranked in the top 20 programs in the nation.

"As far as university theater goes, Baylor ranks right up there with the best of the best," Woolley said.

Live theater is a different experience because the actors are a few feet in front of you, Ward said.

"Students can have five unforgettable experiences between now and the end of the year," she said.

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Innovative menu, healthy standards make Chipotle inexpensive winner

**By Yesenia Araiza
and Kelli Boesel
Reporter and Entertainment Editor**

Chipotle Mexican Grill brings a fresh taste and good prices to the Tex-Mex cuisine of Waco.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Chipotle Mexican Grill is a new fast food restaurant in Waco that serves organic food at a reasonable price.

The restaurant is sure to attract students that are tired of greasy Tex-Mex and want fresh ingredients.

Chipotle prides itself in selling meat that is naturally raised and antibiotic free, as well as hormone-free dairy.

The food has a taste far dif-

ferent from the normal fast food students consume.

The staple of Chipotle is their burritos but there are a lot of alternative options.

There are fajita burritos for grilled pepper and onion lovers, burrito bowls that have fewer carbohydrates, tacos and salads. On special request you can even order a quesadilla.

The system works like an assembly line. First you pick the style of meal, then the meat and toppings.

Chicken is the most popular choice for meat. Although the meat is well seasoned and flavorful, the chicken was lacking. The texture was slightly off and the flavor not quite right.

Another benefit of Chipotle is the four crispy tacos instead of three. You definitely get more for your money.

Chipotle burritos have a

combination of everything. It has rice, beans, meat and vegetables. You will definitely be full after eating one.

Sometimes there is excess liquid from the beans and salsa and the tortilla can get soggy.

The rice is a trademark of Chipotle. It has hints of cilantro and lime giving it a unique taste that complements any meat.

Salsas are another addition to the meal. The deep red salsa is actually spicy so be prepared. A unique salsa is the corn. It gives a different flavor to a meal as well as a little bite.

Don't forget the sour cream and cheese. The sour cream is creamy and flavorful and the cheese is fresh, the perfect topping to any meal.

Be innovative when you order and try something new. Their guacamole is worth the extra money.

Chipotle is known for its industrial style décor and laid back atmosphere. The service was fast and friendly. You are greeted and served with respect.

Although the line moves rather quickly, be prepared to wait. The restaurant is busiest at lunch from about noon to 2 p.m. Dinner doesn't draw as many customers.

A major disadvantage is the shortage of tables. The restaurant only has five tables with four chairs and eight tables with two chairs. There's also a bar stool area that seats five and a patio by the entrance.

During the rush you might have to wait for a table and pounce when one frees up.

Chipotle is located at 1115 N. Valley Mills Drive next to the McDonald's.

Grade: B+

Staind's 'Progress' missing excellence, individual sound

**By Kim Douglass
Contributor**

"Illusion of Progress" lacks originality and its sounds cater to the masses.



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Standout Tracks:

"This Is It"

"All I Want"

track on the album. There's earnestness in Lewis' voice, which is greatly appreciated.

Also, the synergy between lead guitarist Mike Mushok and drummer Jon Wysocki is unbeatable. A band that can work as a group and not as individuals is seldom heard these days. The song is a great way to start the album and the arrangement is done well.

Staind's previous and current success comes from the utilization of various influences of heavy metal, pop and alternative rock.

For fans of past Staind songs, IOP will be disappointing in every possible way.

The songs are written and performed to sell to masses sounding like something heard on a popular teen drama as the leading couple makes up at the end of the episode.

How touching, how sweet, how utterly unoriginal.

The voice of Aaron Lewis, lead singer, didn't sound natural. Aside from Barry Gibb, a former Bee Gee, no man should sing in that key, period.

Another disappointment was the lack of originality compared to past albums.

It's hard to do anything new in the times we live in, but, an effort would be nice.

Despite the shortcomings of IOP, there are still a lot of good elements.

"This Is It," is the opening

Grade: C-

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'The Rocker' delivers slapstick comedy, predictable message

By Hana Manal
Contributor

"The Rocker" is a fun-loving comedy but can't compare to other movies in its genre.

MOVIE REVIEW

Life doesn't often deal second chances. After 20 years of working a mediocre job and living in complete depression, ex-rockstar Robert "Fish" Fisherman finds a second opportunity as the drummer of a newly formed teen band.

Fish, played by Rainn Wilson (*The Office*), is nothing short of a kooky, odd, and simply strange character.

After playing in the 80s hair-metal band Vesuvius, he insists on wearing pleather pants, zebra-print shirts, and flaunting his Elvis sideburns.

His appearance, however, did not mesh well with the sleek guys of Vesuvius, and at the



Rainn Wilson, "The Office," stars as Robert "Fish" Fisherman, a washed-up drummer who joins his nephew's school band.

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height of their career, they ask Fish to resign from his position as drummer.

Due to violent outbreaks Fish

experiences at any mention of his ex-band, he finds himself living with his married sister, playing drums for his nephew's

high school punk band.

After performing at the prom and seeking out other small gigs, Fish and the A.D.D. band

sweep the nation by storm, and are even able to rival Vesuvius before the end of the movie.

"The Rocker" is a feel-good movie that definitely could provoke a chuckle or two, but next to the other movies at the theatre, it's mediocre at best. The humor is over-the-top, slapstick comedy and pointless dialogue added to the uncomfortable length of the movie.

The end of "The Rocker" was somewhat of a disappointment because it was predictable. At one point, Curtis, played by Teddy Geiger, says "I had no idea real life was so boring." I had no idea that a film story line could be so generic and dull.

For the casual movie watcher wanting a film to make the world seem a little brighter, there are some hilarious parts, not to mention key life lessons to be learned from "The Rocker."

Fish instates a very sacred and precious view of music throughout the movie. The importance of music in Fish's

life is established through some hilarious quotes; one in particular is when he references Celine Dion and the fact that because she is played in plenty of elevators doesn't make her music "right."

Another very random but hilarious moment comes before a big show. Fish vomits in his hand and keeps it as a good luck charm, saying "I like to rock a pocket of puke."

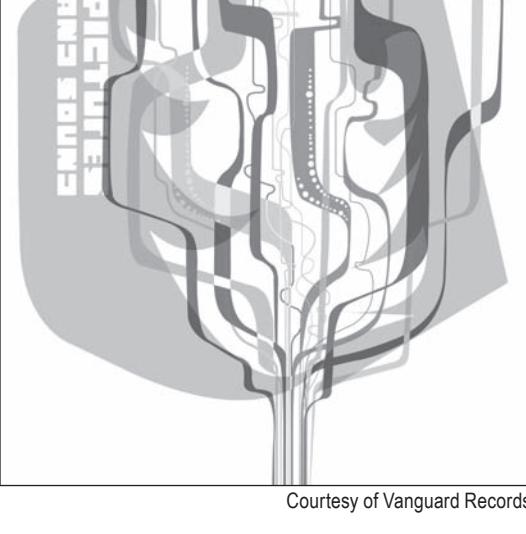
If the movie is nothing else, it's inspirational. "The Rocker" encourages the cultivation of individuality and true beauty.

Fish isn't the typical rockstar, but his final success proves that perseverance and passion can go a long way.

Regardless of its shortcomings, "The Rocker" is a no-thinking, enjoyable movie that will surely put a smile on your face and even make you bob your head to the annoying cheesy punk music.

Grade: C+

'Pictures and Sound' debut mixes meaningful lyrics, organic sounds



Courtesy of Vanguard Records

By Kelli Boesel
Entertainment Editor

A mixture of great instruments, solid lyrics and an organic sound makes Pictures and Sound's self-titled debut album an amazing listen.

ALBUM REVIEW

Pictures and Sound is a new band based out of Portland.

Lead singer Luke Reynolds was the front man for Blue Merle in 2005, but after one album, the band split. He has come back into the music world with a substantial album that is loaded with great music and good lyrics.

Reynolds' voice is unique but also eerily similar to Adam Duritz, lead singer of the Counting Crows. Their voices are distinct enough to know who is who, but at several moments

throughout the album there is a definite similarity.

Reynolds' voice is not the only thing he does on the album. According to the band's Web site he plays a dozen instruments on the album.

The instrument that stands out of the pack is the guitar. Although the guitar is dominant in a lot of songs, Reynolds proves his classical skill in "Space Between the Lines."

His band mates are also extremely talented. Drummer Pete McNeal shows his range throughout the album and, in my opinion, adds the unique quality to the songs.

Bassist Dave Wilder is solid and adds consistency through his instrument but the bass only stands out in "Shadow Boxing."

Every song is good in its own way on the album but there are some that stand out more than others.

A lot of the songs deal with time or the passing of time. In "Forever to Reach" the lyrics say you wait forever for a moment and in an instant it passes you by. Similar messages

are in "Shadow Boxing" and "Big Screen."

"The Last Ocean" stands out on the album because of its good beat and light-hearted lyrics. It's a fun love song that will get you tapping along.

Another track that separates itself from the rest is "Big Screen." The piano opening alone is beautiful and mixed with the great percussion from both McNeal and Reynolds, it's exceptional.

The lyrics to "Big Screen" are also powerful. "It feels like everything's about to change. It's real, things will never be the same," is a message that people in all stages of life can relate to.

A final standout is "It's You." The beautiful lyrics express the artist's love for a women based only on the present.

The melody is fun and gets your head bopping along. The percussion is dominates the sounds, mixing all kinds of instruments and style.

An interesting track but not a

particular standout is "Every War." The lyrics are laced with a strong anti-war message and the sound is distinctly country, which is unlike the majority of the songs on the album.

Also a country singer with an older sounding voice joins Reynolds in the vocals. It's a song that is abnormal to the rest of the album.

Only one track left me a little disappointed. Although "Between the Lines" features amazing classical guitar from Reynolds, that guitar is paired with heavy country tones. A mixture that is not good in theory or in practice. It's a "what were you thinking?!" moment.

Overall "Pictures and Sound" has a very distinct, quality sound.

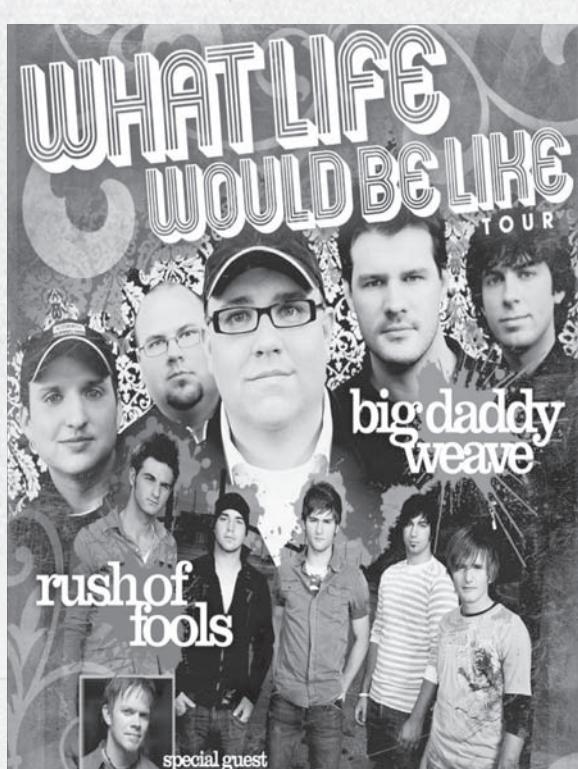
Their songs are joined by common themes and melody but are different in their own ways.

It's worth a listen, especially if you like Jack Johnson, Counting Crows and even John Mayer.

Grade: A-

Standout Tracks:
"Big Screen"
"The Last Ocean"
"It's You"

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Briles' Bears get first test of season

By Matt Six
Old Gold and Black

Wake Forest University brings a 9-4 record and a Meineke Car Care Bowl win over the University of Connecticut into the new year. Here's a breakdown of several key positions for the Demon Deacons.

New defensive coordinator

Defensive coordinator Dean Hood left in the off-season to become the new head coach at Eastern Kentucky University, while the Green Bay Packers drafted defensive end Jeremy Thompson. The Deacons have a very competent replacement in Brad Lambert, who was previously the linebackers coach. They return almost all of their starters from last year. Don't expect a drastic change in the makeup of the defense, which has been the Deacons' core strength the last two seasons. The team is built around senior stars in cornerback Alphonso Smith and linebacker Aaron Curry as well as incredible depth surrounding them on defense.

Offensive Line

Replacing the best center in

the Atlantic Coast Conference, as well as three other starters from last year, is a treacherous proposition for the Demon Deacons. Filling in for sixth-round pick Steve Justice will be Trey Bailey, a 6-foot-5, 290-pound junior. The team has Barrett McMillin returning at guard, as well as Joe Birdsong and Jeff Griffin as tackles.

Receivers/Tight Ends

The Deacons lost two star receivers to graduation. Hoping to minimize the damage is a group of talented but somewhat inexperienced receivers. Chip Brinkman has had a solid career at Wake catching 27 balls last year, but will be asked to take on a bigger role. So will D.J. Boldin and Jordan Williams, both of whom bring their own talent to the offense.

The tight end position is also a big question coming into the Baylor game. Ben Wooster, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound junior, will be asked to fill the role.

Two-headed monster at RB

The offensive backfield will be the highlight against Baylor. ACC Rookie of the Year Josh Adams rushed for almost 1,000 yards last year. His strong



Associated Press photo

Riley Skinner will lead the Demon Deacons into Floyd Casey Thursday. He led the nation in completion percentage with 2,204 passing yards and 12 touchdowns.

downhill running and 34 receptions earned him 11 trips to the end zone.

Sharing the attack will be redshirt freshman Brandon Pendergrass. Pendergrass is extremely quick, with swiveling hips and a strong, low center-of-gravity. If the offensive line can open up holes for them, the two will be extremely powerful weapons in the Deacon offense.

Special Teams

With Sam Swank returning as punter and place kicker

for the Deacons, special teams is looking to be one of Wake's strong suits. This season, Swank looks to break the ACC career scoring record of 393 points. With a personal best kick of 53 yards during the 2006 season, Swank has the makings of a solid senior season.

Quarterback

Returning junior Riley Skinner will bring success to the Deacons. Skinner led the nation last season in completion percentage his passes.

Briles brings attitude adjustment for Baylor football

By Justin Baer
Reporter

Before the latter workout during two-a-days, the Bears dashed onto the damp turf of Floyd Casey Stadium hollering as if they are about to partake in the National Championship.

Disregard the fact that the local scattered showers cooled the usual hellacious Texas summer day to a mild 95 degrees, in return increasing the humidity to a near 100 percent. It seems almost unfathomable that the same Baylor team that finished an embarrassing 0-8 in the Big 12 last year is pumped for its

second practice of the day.

The shouts of "Let's go!" and "It's time to work!", are greeted by new head coach Art Briles' encouraging southern drawl and a west Texas-sized smile.

A squad that was often criticized last year for its lack of intensity saw the dismissal of former head coach Guy Morriss in the offseason. Briles, the former head coach at the University of Houston, soon filled the vacant position, becoming the newest addition to a line of coaches attempting the resurrection of a starving Baylor football program.

His demanding yet approach-

able demeanor has already won over the Bears. Over the course of just a few months, Briles has completely transformed the mindset of a once dejected squad.

"He is a lot more personal of a guy (than Morriss)," junior free safety and preseason All Big 12 selection Jordan Lake said. "He has a fire for the game that really rubs off on you."

He is very personal toward you, and because of that you want to win. He is a players' coach."

With all odds against the Bears going into the season, Briles still has this team con-

vinced they are capable of winning the Big 12, despite the fact that five of the Top 15 teams in the preseason AP Poll reign from the same conference as the Bears.

"By playing that hard schedule, you have the opportunity to send a message to the nation saying 'hey we're back; this is a new era of Baylor football, and we're here to play,'" Lake said.

Although it's safe to say a Big 12 title is likely at least a few years away for the Bears, the notion that Briles has the Bears walking around with a swagger and aura of confidence speaks volumes about the Rule, native

considering the final eight-game losing skid that summed up Baylor's 2007 season.

"It's been a great camp," senior wide receiver Thomas White said. "Coach Briles is high energy. He's there in the middle of the huddle laughing with the guys, calling plays. Overall it's a huge personality change."

That second-to-none personality exuberated the Baylor faithful as soon as his arrival was announced in November. Stunts such as his bear claw during his introductory press conference and his Bear Pit jersey act at Baylor's sold-out basketball game against Washington State Uni-

versity unquestionably ignited fans who have not seen Baylor in a bowl game since 1994.

The primary question that remains is whether that excitement that Briles has produced thus far translates to wins on the football field. Briles has revamped programs in the past, but he knows that doesn't guarantee instant success in Waco.

"I have always been worried about where I am at; my philosophy is Baylor's philosophy," Briles said. "We're still in the infant stages of finding out about our football team. But I like where our guys are at and I like our attitude."

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SPORTS

UTEP sweeps Lady Bears 1-0

By Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

The Lady Bear soccer team lost their first game of the season, 1-0, Friday night to the University of Texas at El Paso Miners.

UTEP forward Brandi Aston broke the deadlock in the 18th minute with a 20-yard shot, passing the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Gianna Quintana.

"I think that the effort that all of the defense gave out was exceptional," Quintana said.

It was new head coach Marci Jobson's first official game with the team; one that features 16 letterwinners and 12 freshmen.

"I thought some of our sophomores went into the game and added a good spark," she said.

Jobson was impressed with the squad.

"We obviously have a very young team," she said. "We're moving players around. They have to gain experience."

Baylor allowed nine shots-on-goal, but came within striking distance just twice.

"We played really well on

defense," junior midfielder Betsy Kyle said. "The goal was a really nice shot. We didn't give them a whole lot of opportunities."

Kyle gave the Lady Bears the best chance for the equalizer in the 82nd minute when she vaulted a header toward the Miner's goal.

Baylor's road trip continues next weekend as the Lady Bears travel to the University of New Mexico.

"I actually really like away games," Jobson said. "It's really fun to get your team on the road and get them together. I think it's good for them coming together as a group, especially since we have such a young squad."

With training camp officially finished, the Lady Bears now have to focus on live games as opposed to drills against each other.

"I think that the biggest thing is getting the communication down so we can improve our game," Quintana said. "If someone makes a mistake, we have to not worry about it and move on."

Baylor will return home for a six-game home stand Aug. 31.

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Sports Briefs**Volz appears as closer**

Sophomore pitcher Kendal Volz finished with eight saves and allowed no earned runs on the way to an International University Sport Federation (FISU) gold medal pitching for Team USA this summer.

Normally a starter, Volz accepted a position in the bullpen as the team's closer.

Team USA went 24-0 overall, and beat Japan in extra innings to take home the title.

After scoring the first run of the game in the top of the 12th inning, Team USA came away with the 1-0 win after Volz got a ground ball to end the game.

Diene wins academic Award

Junior center Mamadou Diene was presented with the 2008 Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. Orphaned and raised by his older sisters in Senegal, Diene was an integral in the Bears' first return to the NCAA tournament in 20 years, and their first national ranking in 39 years.

The award is given to student athletes who have overcome great obstacles on their way to academic success while participating in inter-collegiate sports.

Shortridge transfers to LSU

Junior pitcher and outfielder Kristen Shortridge transferred to Louisiana State University. In 2007, she went 17-6 with a 2.14 earned run average, recorded 125 strikeouts and a .340 batting average on her way to Big 12 Freshman of the Year honors. In 2008, she went 5-9 with a 3.72 earned run average, posted 68 strikeouts and a batting average of .354. She also played in right field and stole 24 bases. She has the sixth most career wins in Baylor history.

Poerschke wins award

Lars Poerschke was named the 2008 winner of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship. Poerschke graduated with a 119-43 record in singles. He is tied for second-most career singles wins with Benedikt Dorsch behind Benjamin Becker.

Big 12 honors volleyball team

Juniors Taylor Barnes and Anna Breyfogle were named to the Pre-season All-Big 12 volleyball team by conference coaches. It's the second straight year Barnes has been picked and the first time nod for Breyfogle. The Lady Bears were picked to finish tied for eighth with the University of Oklahoma overall.

Track and field awards

Nine Lady Bears were named to the 2008 Division I Women's All-Academic Individual Track and Field Team. Lauren Hagans, Carla Grace, Brittany Bruce, Danielle Bradley, Nichole Jones, Brittany Devereaux, Kaleigh Teel, Lyndsy Bedell and Erin Bedell all made the team.

Lineman transfers to Baylor

Penn State University defensive tackle Phillip Taylor transferred to Baylor. Taylor was dismissed by head coach Joe Paterno for his involvement in an off-field fight last October. In 12 games last year, Taylor recorded 20 tackles, three sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Compiled by Joe Holloway

Alumnus Wariner sprints to silver in Beijing

By EDDIE PELLS
The Associated Press

BEIJING -- Merritt led a U.S. sweep in the men's 400-meter, at the second American sweep of the track meet. But even that had a strange twist. The guy he beat, Jeremy Wariner, was the defending world and Olympic champion and the favorite.

Wariner lost the race by almost a full second, laboring down the stretch to hold off David Neville, who dove across the finish line.

"I didn't have anything left," Wariner said. "I don't know what to say. I ran the best I could."

Wariner grabbed the silver medal in the 400-meter and anchored the men's 4-x-400 meter in a blow out victory for team U.S.A.

Wariner joins a long list of 2007 world champions from the United States who failed to win gold in Beijing.

The Baylor track phenomenon, has already won two gold medals in 2004 when he won the individual 400-meter and 400-meter relay. He also blew past Michael Johnson's Baylor records in the events.

According to Baylor track coach Todd Harbour, his potential was seen right out of high school.

"In all athletes at this level you can most definitely see the potential in them when they

Wariner's agent did not return the Baylor Lariat's phone calls for interviews.

Sanya Richards, a University of Texas graduate who trains at Baylor's Hart-Patterson complex, won gold in the women's 4-x-400 relay. Wariner's former Baylor teammates, Reggie Witherspoon and Darold Williamson, gave the U.S. great fourth and sixth place finishes, respectively.

Americans David Payne and David Oliver picked up silver and bronze medals in the 110-meter hurdles, won by Cuba's Dayron Robles, whose path became clearer when Liu Xiang of China pulled out with a foot injury earlier in the week.

Gay also came in with health problems, the hamstring he strained at Olympic trials last month, but he ran. He didn't make it out of the semifinals of

the men's 100 meters, though, and after the botched handoff in the relay, he'll leave not only without a medal but without having run in a final.

"I take full blame for it," Gay said of his bad exchange with Patton. "I kind of feel I let them down."

Had they advanced in either



Associated Press Photo/Natacha Pisarenko

United States' gold medal winner LaShawn Merritt, center, is flanked by silver medal winner United States' Jeremy Wariner from Baylor University, left, and bronze medal winner United States' David Neville during the medal ceremony for the men's individual 400-meter during the athletics competitions Thursday, in the National Stadium at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

NCAA decides to shorten game**Staff reports**

bans the horse-collar tackle. It has been implemented in the NFL and the NCAA is following suit. The penalty occurs when the defender makes a tackle from behind the neck pad and carries a 15-yard personal foul.

Defensive coordinator Brian Norwood thinks the new rules force the coaching staff to teach their players the opposite of what they were taught. Even though the rule will make the game safer, the natural habits of tackling can be hard to break.

"In the big picture of the football game there are things that happen naturally," Norwood said. "From a coaching standpoint, coaching people on how not to do things takes away from the game from a defensive stand point."

Kickoffs that spiral out of bounds will now carry a hefty penalty -- a 30-yard penalty from the spot of the kick, or a rekick from the 25-yard line. That will allow the receiving team a starting position at the offense's 40-yard line, five yards closer to scoring range.

The 5-yard incidental facemask penalty has been revoked and replaced by a standard 15-yard personal foul for each infraction.

The sideline warning has also been traded for an instant 5-yard, delay-of-game penalty.

Coaches will also receive an extra challenge if their first is upheld, allowing for a total of two challenges per game.

Every week, the sports desk, along with photographer Alex Song, will select six important games and predict the outcomes.

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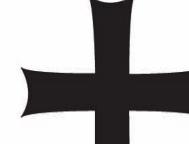
Weekly NCAA picks**Week 1 Picks**

Game	Bateman	Turner	Holloway	Song
Wake Forest @ Baylor	27-20 WF	20-17 BU	31-14 WF	27-13 BU
USC @ Virginia	58-10 USC	42-7 USC	21-10 USC	44-10 USC
No. 24 Alabama vs. No. 9 Clemson	21-20 Clem	28-17 Bama	21-17 Bama	37-17 Clem
No. 20 Illinois vs. No. 6 Missouri	35-24 MU	38-17 MU	27-20 MU	13-10 Illinois
No. 18 Tennessee @ UCLA	24-21 Tenn	24-10 Tenn	27-20 Tenn	14-6 Tenn
Oklahoma State @ Washington State	35-14 OSU	28-7 OSU	24-7 OSU	24-20 OSU
Last week's record	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Overall record	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Potential, speed qualify talented true freshman

Arm Strength—check. Accuracy—check. Athletics—check. Acceleration and Speed—double check. Robert Griffin seems to have it all, except a definite nod from new head coach Art Briles. As Griffin tries to prove himself worthy to the team and coach Briles, he doesn't have to look too far for that approving nod.

As coach Briles gives a much-needed lift to Baylor's lackluster football program, he must make the right decision on who will lead his football team. He has three quarterbacks to choose from: Blake Szymanski, last year's starter who accounted for 2,844 passing yards and 22 touchdowns; Kirby Freeman, a senior transfer from the University of Miami (FL) whose single-year eligibility will only leave a temporary fix; and Robert Griffin, a highly touted recruit with speed, strength and a vision for the ball who was brought here specifically by Briles. It all boils down to a simple decision. Do you want the team to be the same as it was under former coach Guy Morris or do you want to put a fresh new product on the field that not only gives the fans hope, but gives the team hope for the future?

When I visit the store, I don't want to buy Electronic Arts sports' NCAA '08. Although a great game, I want to pay for what came out this year—NCAA '09. Robert Griffin is that new video game everyone wants. He is newer, he is better, and he is here for Baylor football to buy.

Griffin brings a whole other dimension to Baylor's offense that neither Szymanski nor Freeman can provide: his colossal speed. There is a huge difference in third-and-five with Griffin as the starting quarterback and

with Freeman and Szymanski. If the defense doesn't give Griffin anything in the passing game, he has the ability to move out of the pocket and pick up five with his speed. Not so much for the other quarterbacks.

The Big 12 defenses will not only have to plan around a pocket passer, which he can be, but also must plan around Griffin's Olympic level speed.

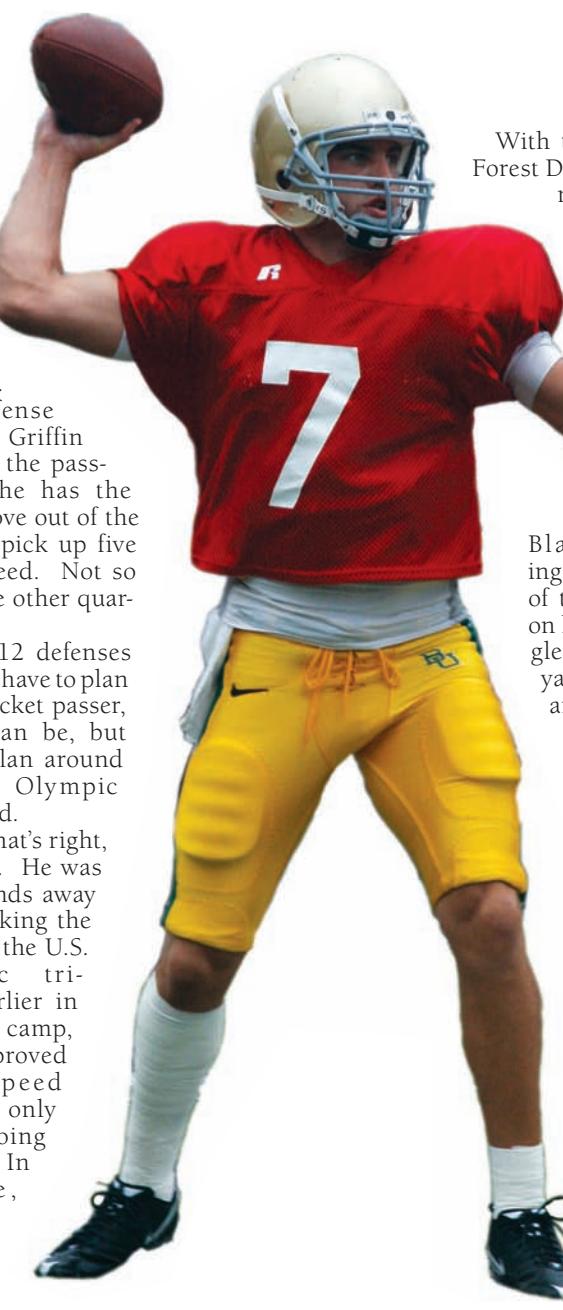
Yes, that's right, Olympic. He was .13 seconds away from making the finals in the U.S. Olympic trials. Earlier in training camp, Griffin proved his speed isn't the only thing going for him. In practice, Griffin was taking snaps against the Baylor's

defense. As he was flushed out of the pocket, Griffin kept his eyes down field and launched a forty-yard bomb off his back foot for a touchdown. Griffin has the best arm strength, no questions asked. The best thing I saw was he didn't just tuck the ball and run but kept his eyes down field giving the receiver's chance to get open and giving the Baylor football team a chance to come away with wins.

Griffin starting as the quarterback does more than just give us a better chance to win. It marks the new era of Baylor Bear Football. It lets Coach Briles use his "Art"istic ability to change the face of a program that, frankly, has no excuses for the lack of success it has had in the past. Excitement on the field equals excitement off the field and that is what college football is all about.

Robert Griffin, he's my pick for the Baylor Bears' starting quarterback. Smart decision—check! Garrett Turner is a senior business journalism major from Osceola, Mo., and a

Robert Griffin



Big 12, ACC experience trump raw ability

With the Bears ready to take on the Wake Forest Demon Deacons Saturday, one question remains: Who will start at quarterback? While there are five quarterbacks on the Bears' short list, conversations of who should rightfully start the 2008 season have centered around three.

There's junior Blake Szymanski, the returning starter who took advantage of the spread offense last year on his way to setting Baylor single-season records in passing yards, touchdowns, attempts and completions.

Then there's true freshman Robert Griffin, who has also received his fair share of the limelight. Rated the nation's No. 4 dual-threat quarterback by rivals.com, a national recruiting Web site, Griffin played well during Baylor's spring game, leading the Bears' offense to 22 of their 31 points, rushing for 35 yards on five carries and completing six of 10 passes for 75 yards.

Between Szymanski and Griffin, it might seem like there could be a pretty good battle for the position.

Enter senior transfer Kirby Freeman.

In the Big 12, Baylor needs a quarterback who knows how to win big games. Kirby Freeman showed he can do that at University of Miami, and now he is the best choice if the Bears want to do the same.

With one year of eligibility left, Freeman transferred from Miami where he started seven games, including a win over Nevada in the MPC Computers Bowl. He also led the Hurricanes to victories over Virginia Tech University and No. 18-ranked Boston College: two big games.

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Blake Szymanski

of offense the Bears run, 2844 isn't that impressive, and the yards didn't translate to wins.

Griffin won games in high school. He led local Copperas Cove High School to a 25-4 record and an appearance in the state 4A Division I championship game. He passed for thousands of yards and ran for almost just as many. He is Baylor's quarterback of the future. Why not get him in the game?

He probably will be in some fashion.

Freeman should take the majority of the snaps and the starting position. He's an experienced leader with success against big teams, which is what the Bears need more than anything in a transition year.

But Griffin will still have a few plays undercenter. Kirby Freeman

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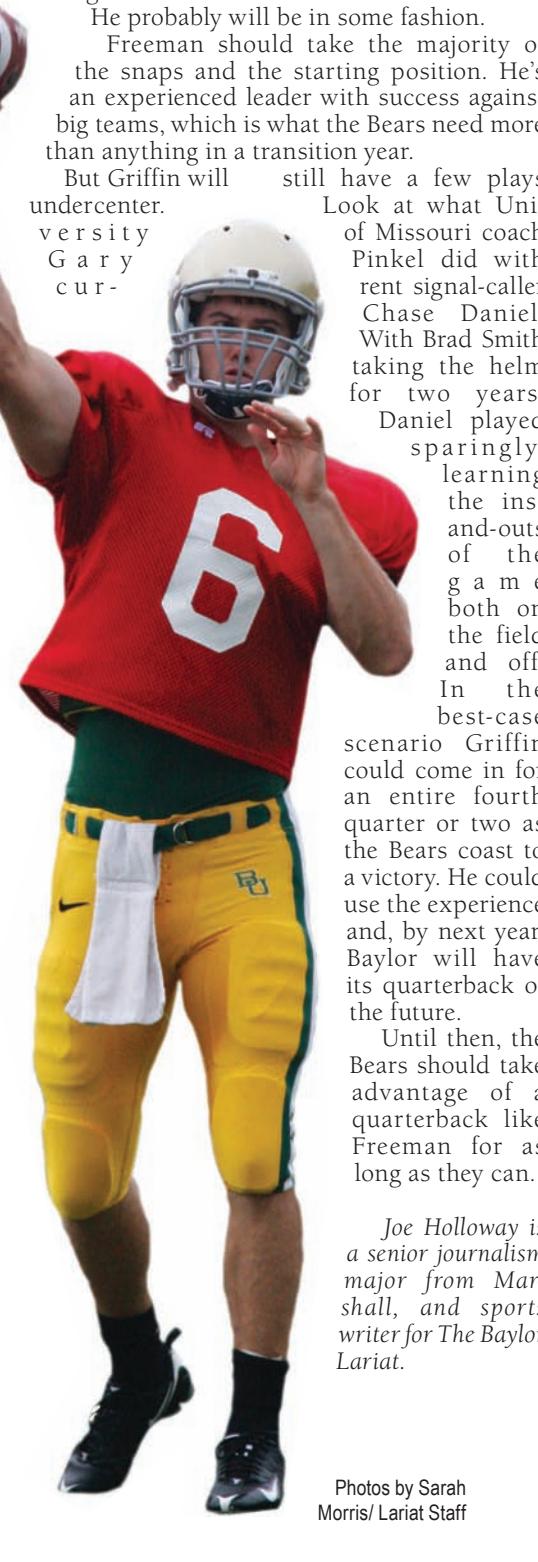
Baylor will have

its quarterback of

the future.

Until then, the Bears should take advantage of a quarterback like Freeman for as long as they can.

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Briles era brings exciting possibilities for freshmen

For those of you out-of-state freshmen, let me welcome you to Texas. I'm sure most of you have felt the heat—or at least heard about it—and associated it with the Lone Star state, but don't worry, we have four seasons—preseason, regular season, post season and offseason.

No, we're not all represented by the cast of "Friday Night Lights," but it is a strong indication of the latter end of football fandom.

Starting from high school, rivalries draw crowds upward of 30 thousand. In the college ranks, you have crowds of 90 thousand, and even at Floyd Casey Stadium, you can find the largest gathering of people in McLennan county in history. In the professional ranks, Jerry



Brian Bateman
Sports Editor

Baylor's legacy in football has left much to be desired lately, there have been some major highlights.

Take the 2006 trek to Boulder, Colo., where the Bears pulled out a shocking three-overtime victory over the Buffaloes. Colorado entered the game without a victory, hoping to earn its first against Baylor. However, Joe Pawelek's leaping interception left Folsom field in shock as the scoreboard read 34-31.

Or look at the miracle comeback of quarterback Shawn Bell's last complete game in the green and gold, where he passed for three touchdowns in the last 9:22 to bring give the homecoming crowd something to cheer about—a 36-35 win. Over half the crowd had left, expecting

another Baylor loss, but those who stayed witnessed Bell's best performance.

The Battle of the Brazos begs a mention. With a lunar eclipse a day before and Halloween the next day, a sea of green, maroon and gold left an ominous glow over the stadium. A see-saw game ended when 41,000 fans witnessed Shawn Bell connecting with Dominique Zeigler on a two-point conversion in overtime, giving the Bears a 35-34 victory. The goalposts were ripped from the turf and carried to campus.

But for freshmen, a whole new slate of memories is waiting to be made. This season, the tables are set in three key match-ups.

1) Wake Forest Univer-

sity: 7 p.m. Thurs., Floyd Casey Stadium—It's the battle of the Baptists—or at least former Baptists. It's the first game of the 2008 season, and not just for the participants, but for the entire nation. Although a school night, it should be a memorable experience as the first of seven ranked teams competes against Baylor.

2) The University of Nebraska: Oct. 25, Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.—Last year was underwhelming for the Husker faithful. They replaced their head coach and brought back Tom Osborne as head athletic director. However, the Bears have a shot to shock the world with a victory in the nation's heartland.

3) Texas A&M University:

Nov. 15, Floyd Casey Stadium—Watch as the entire southeastern section of the stadium turns to maroon, and brace yourself as the visitor's side sways at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The late date comes just after the Aggies host the highly touted University of Oklahoma and two weeks before their bitter rivalry with the University of Texas.

Those aren't all the memories waiting for the class of 2012, but they're a good start. Don't follow in your pessimistic upperclassmen's footsteps and miss the best game of your Baylor days, make it to every game possible.

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Defense to gain third LB

By Joe Holloway
Sports Writer

It's safe to say most of the recent attention surrounding Baylor football has centered on the quarterback position. Who will occupy the top of the depth chart when head coach Art Briles sends the Bears onto the field Thursday against Wake Forest has been a lingering question all through the off-season, spring and fall practices.

However important the quarterback question is, there's an even larger one left by a Baylor defense that hemorrhaged points last year.

The Bears gave up an average 461.6 yards and 37 points per game in 2007, numbers any offense would find hard to overcome. A struggling defense was no doubt a part of one of the worst seasons in recent Baylor football.

But 2008 is a season of change. A new head coach, a new defensive coordinator and a new defensive scheme aim to turn the Baylor defense around. The question remains, though: will it be enough?

The most notable difference this year will be the implementation of the 4-3 defense.

Last year, the Bears ran a hybrid nickel defense, with just

two linebackers and an extra defensive back that could help the pass defense.

But, after giving up the third most passing yards in the Big 12 and only coming away with only 10 interceptions all season, the fifth deep man proved largely ineffective and weakened the defense against the run.

While not much different from the 4-2-5 scheme, the Bears hope the new 4-3 defense will provide the balance Baylor needs to be competitive in one of the toughest conferences in the NCAA.

"There's a lot of similarities," Brian Norwood said, the defensive coordinator who spent the past seven seasons under Penn State head coach Joe Paterno coaching safeties. "I think it's what you know and the kids having confidence in it."

Junior free safety Jordan Lake says that while Norwood's new scheme is somewhat different, the team's had little trouble adjusting.

"Everyone here, me especially, loves the changes that he brought," he said.

"The enthusiasm, the new scheme, everything's worked out really well."

Lake, who lead the team with 120 tackles last season, said

that the main difference for this year's defense is the emphasis placed on flying around and swarming to the ball.

"One thing we really preach is getting turnovers," he said.

That's good news for a team that had a -18 turnover margin last year, good enough for last in the Big 12.

Lake will no doubt try to force as many turnovers as he can, but he won't be alone in the effort. Norwood said that he's looking for the entire defense to execute.

"I'm not looking at one individual person as much as I am the whole defense," he said. "We've got simple goals: to play with great effort, running through to the ball and hustling, winning the turnover battle and being a physical team, a team that tackles well. And really that's all the guys."

As a third-year starter on the offensive line, senior tackle Jason Smith has had a unique view of how this year's defense compares to previous incarnations from the other side of the ball.

"They're a lot more physical. They meet you muscle for muscle," he said. "It's not wavering. It's there everyday and it allows us to prepare against a good defense."



Alex Song/Lariat Staff

Robert Griffin (10) gets an early start during warm-up sprints. The Bears have just four practices before their Thursday night game against Wake Forest.

Briles uses new recruits, experience for firepower

By Garrett Turner
Sports writer

Head coach Art Briles has quite a task ahead of him for the 2008 college football season. He must turn around an offensive statistical nightmare, finishing 11th in the Big 12 in total offense at 321.5 yards per game, into a well-tuned, smooth-running offensive machine. The task may look tough considering last year's missed achievements. But 2008 is a new year for the Baylor Bears, and with a new year comes brand new additions that will add a spark to the dormant offense of the past.

Baylor has two new quarterbacks. Senior University of Miami (Fl.) transfer Kirby Free-

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man and true freshmen Robert Griffin have both come in to help amp the offense this year. They are polar opposites, where Freeman brings experience and pocket presence, Griffin brings a new swagger and an unmatched scrambling ability to the team. According to head coach Art Briles, both quarterbacks are just as capable of leading the team.

"Kirby has a wealth of experience and a lot of hunger," Briles said. "Robert Griffin is an x-fac-

tor, very dynamic and an impact player."

No matter who the quarterback is, the group around the quarterback can make or break a team. The main group supporting the quarterback this year is the offensive line, led by senior Jason Smith. Smith turned down the opportunity to go into the draft to stay another year to help the program and for that Briles is "really proud that (Smith) stayed for us."

"Jason Smith, I think, is one of the best tackles around," Briles said. "He has great feet, great balance, he's intelligent and has great work ethic."

Another new addition is Navarro Junior College transfer Jeremy Sanders, a dynamic, all-around back that can play

quarterback, running back, and wide receiver. At 6 foot, 2 inches and 210 pounds, Sanders power and speed can open up the Baylor's rushing attack like never before while putting opposing defense on their toes in the passing game. Ranked 11th in the Big 12 in rushing offense, Briles looks to use Sanders to put last year in the past.

"He might play some plays at QB, but he'll be a running back," Briles said. "He's a guy that can change the tempo of the game just with his attitude and his effort. He's very dynamic, very explosive, and very talented."

The changes in the offense go beyond the key additions. Players like junior safety Jordan Lake are already seeing the difference in the way the offense practices.

Last year Lake was accustomed to stopping the offense in practice easily, this year he notices lots of improvement in how they move the ball.

"They can hold their own and they get us some days," Lake said. "It's good to have confidence in your offense. It's good to know when the defense comes off the field they're going to put points on the board."

Smith easily notices the difference between last year and this year. According to Smith, the coaching staff brings the offense to "attack mode" and is ready to see what that can bring in real games.

"It's a lot of unexplainable excitement," Smith said. "We're focusing on our tempo. Everyone is much older now and we

understand the game of football better."

The tempo is faster than ever before. With the game being on Thursday, the new coaching staff doesn't have much time to implement their offensive system.

According to Briles, there is still some "fine-tuning left" with understanding his new system. The new offensive system will come with practice and repetition but against Wake Forest, Briles looks to focus on the offense's main goals.

"Offensively we have to execute and take care of the football," Briles said. "We need to understand down and distance. We want to come out and play fast, play intelligent and stay healthy."

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included spelling out Baylor on football helmets and wherever space allowed in place of the interlocking BU.

In spite of these situations, Baston offered praise for Lilley's accomplishments during his term.

Baston noted successes in fundraising; the second-largest student body in university history; the highest national ranking in university history; the university's largest seminary enrollment; and promising athletics as achievements under Lilley's presidency.

When contacted by *The Baylor Lariat* for comment, Lilley referred to his comments given to *The Baptist Standard*, in which he suggests that dis-harmony lay among the board members themselves.

"Despite the board's unanimous vote (in 2005 to instate Lilley), it became clear immediately that the Baylor board of regents reflected some of the deepest divisions in the Baylor family," Lilley told *The Baptist Standard*. "I deeply regret the action of the board, and I do not believe that it reflects the best interests of Baylor University."

The board envisioned transitioning in a new president, who would fully take over the presidency during the final stretch

of Lilley's five-year contract.

Lilley acquired the presidency in January 2006 and had two and a half years remaining on his contract.

When Lilley rejected the plan, the board voted to oust Lilley immediately and begin the search for a new president.

Baston said a transition period would have alleviated the pressure of immediately appointing a new president, but Lilley didn't wish to serve out his contract knowing the board was searching for a replacement.

The day after the firing, board members denied that their decision had anything to do with an investigation of Lilley being conducted by the Nevada attorney general's office, *The Reno Gazette-Journal* reported.

Former employees of the University of Nevada at Reno,

Baylor Lariat the day of the firing, Jeff Kilgore, vice president

alumni and other constituent groups. That input across the family is always welcomed and appreciated during times such as these," Kilgore wrote.

Alumnus Jeff Reeter, former president of the Baylor development council, said he thinks Lilley acted as a uniting force, but adds, "I don't think that Dr. Lilley was brought in for the long term."

Bradley Toben, dean of the Baylor School of Law, expressed an opposite view.

"I think that the best way to express this is that the board has acted very rightly and bravely," Toben said. "The board will be applauded for its decision to move on."

Rowlett senior Chelsea Saylors looks forward to the future with Garland.

"The gap between the student union building and Pat Neff was pretty substantial during (Lilley's) time here," Saylors said. "I think that Garland will be a great interim president, and it will be interesting to see how the presidential selection pans out. I think something the next president should do is include more people in the decision-making process so you don't have parts of campus unaware of what's going on."

Jennifer Sutton and Sommer Ingram contributed to this report.



2005

January
Robert B. Sloan announces his resignation effective May 31, 2005.

November
Board of Regents selects Lilley as the next president.

Another one bites the dust

After failing to "unite the Baylor family," Former President John M. Lilley leaves a legacy filled with many ups and downs.

Key points in Lilley's term

2006- 2007

April
Lilley is formally inaugurated as the 13th president.

July
Lilley announces Baylor is halfway to \$2 billion endowment goal.

2008

March
Lilley denies 12 of 30 tenure applicants and angers faculty.

April
Student tempers flare over possible logo change of the interlocking BU.

July 23
Board of Regents meet to discuss Lilley's performance.

July 24
Lilley is officially fired halfway through his five- year contract.

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At the summit, administrators, department chairs, deans and executive members of the faculty senate and other faculty members met to collaborate on improving the tenure process and procedures.

Davis said she thinks the summit was a positive experience for those involved.

"For some people, the expectations were so low...but I think it exceeded everybody's expectations in the good will (and) the seriousness," she said. "It sort of set the stage for us to move forward."

In her former role as a vice provost, Davis said she thinks she built a reputation of being fair and slow to judge, characteristics that helped win her the approval of university constituents for her appointment as provost.

Georgia Green, faculty sen-

where Lilley served as president before coming to Baylor, have accused Lilley and other university officials of crimes such as fraud and embezzlement.

The Baylor community holds varying opinions on the board's action to fire Lilley.

In an e-mail sent to The

Baylor Alumni Association, acknowledged the critical role of Baylor regents at this time.

"Our regents are entrusted with much, and we are all looking toward their leadership and a process that fosters inclusion and input from faculty, staff,

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"(Davis) brings to this position experience as a faculty member and as an academic administrator."

Georgia Green
Faculty Senate
Chairwoman

wood, interim president of Baylor from May 2005-January 2006, serves as president of Mercer.

James Netherton, former vice president and chief operating officer at Baylor, was president of Carson-Newman until he resigned in 2007 after a faculty vote of no confidence in the president. Joe Bill Sloan (of no relation to former Baylor

president Robert B. Sloan Jr.) served as interim president.

O'Brien realizes that leading a school shortly after a controversial presidency will present a challenge, and he admits that he cannot single-handedly heal all wounds.

"I don't go with any delusions of grandeur...but to be part of the community, part of the family," he said. "There's really only one

way to enter into a brand new future once you've been hurt, and that's forgiveness."

O'Brien's other goals are to boost the college's enrollment and endowment, and to restore the college's relationship with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which has been on the rocks since the college changed its charter in 1999.

O'Brien joined the faculty at Baylor in 1991 as an associate professor of religion. Before becoming provost, he served as acting dean of the George W. Truett Seminary; executive assistant to the president; and chairman of the department of religion.

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