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Campus extends to I-35; local businesses to move

By Sommer Ingram
Staff Writer

As part of Baylor's campus expansion plan, the university recently purchased the triangle of land between Dutton Avenue and Interstate 35, including the property UBS Univeristy Bookstore and Spirit Shop and Pics & Gifts sits on.

The Board of Regents approved the purchase of the land over the summer and demolition of the former Shell gas station, located across the street from Brooks College, commenced not long after the school

year began. The university currently has no plans to build on any of the land.

"We generally want to improve the look of the campus from the highway," said Dr. Reagan Ramsower, vice president for finance and administration. "If you look at the condition of those buildings in comparison to other buildings on campus, such as Brooks College right across the street, I think it'll be much more aesthetically pleasing to turn that into a grassy area."

The UBS bookstore on Dutton Avenue will consolidate its merchandise into the Spirit Shop on Eighth Street and its other

store location on Fifth Street and Bagby Avenue, according to Spirit Shop manager Melody Brown.

Pics & Gifts, which has been located on Dutton Avenue for more than 20 years, will relocate to the Brazos Place Center on Waco Drive in January 2009.

"We have watched Baylor purchase all the retail area around campus, so it was kind of inevitable that this happened," said Kristina Schlottmann, an owner of Pics & Gifts.

Schlottmann said the only information the business was given about the university's decision to buy the land was that

Baylor felt the location of their business blocked the view of the campus from the interstate.

"Being across the street from a college campus is obviously an asset for any business," Schlottman said. "I have heard several customers complain about losing the convenience of being able to walk across the street from their dorm to our store. But we have customers that indicate that they will follow us wherever we go."

Ramsower said that the purchase of this land is part of the plan to improve the north

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The Shell gas station on the corner of fifth street and Dutton Avenue is currently under deconstruction. The university has purchased the property in order to replace the asphalt with grassy fields.

Graves stir up heated debate

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

A subcommittee of Texas State Representatives has been appointed to inquire about the handling of human skeletons found on the grounds of the Waco Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville), who plans to open a Texas Ranger Museum in his district, called the inquiry.

The litigation regards human remains found while digging utility lines May 2007 at the museum. The area was a cemetery in the 1960s and, during the building of the museum, only the headstones were relocated. More than 100 graves have been found.

Museum officials believed Wacoans whose families couldn't afford formal burial arrangements were laid to rest in the cemetery, the Lariat reported in February. Although sensitivity is now a concern at the site, the land was used in the 1950s as a dump for debris from a tornado and, more recently, waste from incinerators.

Hilderbran could not be reached for comment.

Dr. Byron Johnson, director of the Texas Ranger Museum, said that "due to possible litigation" the museum has been advised to refer all questions to city management and legal department, who were also unavailable. City manager Larry Groth also wouldn't comment.

The subcommittee is to inquire into the handling of human remains during the building of the museum and their discovery.

"The situation was brought to our attention by the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee [of which Hilderbran is chairperson] that there have been violations of state and federal regulations and that the same issues may be happening in other parts of the state," said Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin), who was appointed head of the subcommittee Monday.

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Austin freshman DavRena Williams expresses herself on a giant chalkboard as part of the Rock the Vote campaign Monday afternoon in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

‘Vote’ campaign visits campus

By Rebecca LaFlure
Reporter

Mesquite freshman Lauren Miller loves to talk politics.

A first-time voter, she expressed excitement in casting a ballot in November. Her friends aren't as enthusiastic.

"I don't think a lot of people are going to vote," she said. "Many of my friends don't have an opinion or don't like anybody who's running. They don't think it makes a difference."

Rock the Vote wants to change this perception.

The national, non-partisan campaign kicked off its events on campus Monday, hoping to energize student interest in the presidential election.

"The primary goal is to encourage students to register and become aware of the issues that are being talked about and covered in the different campaigns," said Michael Riemer, assistant director of campus activities for student programs.

Several activities are available for students to participate in throughout the week, mixing the political process with popular culture, music and art.

A large tent is set up at Fountain Mall until Thursday with seven large canvas boxes, each representing a popular word being used in the election.

Participants are asked to reflect on the words and physically represent what it means to them on canvas with paint and other provided materials. By the end of the week, there will be seven distinct works of art.

"We are trying to encourage

students to do something different and think outside the box," Riemer said.

Students can "rock the wall" by writing their thoughts about important questions on a giant chalkboard in the Den in the Bill Daniel Student Center. The questions cover a broad range of topics, from the role of faith in politics to the effects of gender and race.

Voter registration booths are also available in the student center lobby all week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The McLennan County Elections office will be on campus Friday evening, registering people on-site.

The campaign concludes Friday with a finale concert starting at 6:30 p.m. in the SUB Bowl. The Baylor Activities Council and student government are sponsoring the event.

"When we heard about the Rock the Vote campaign it sounded like a perfect fit for us ... It's vital for students to learn about the issues and discover the candidate of their choosing," said Bryan Fonville, Garland senior and student body president. "We hope students will walk away with a greater appreciation for our political process and a greater understanding of the issues facing our nation."

Trey Duck, Shapes Stars Make and Sleeperstar are scheduled to perform.

"We anticipate that there's going to be good music and hopefully it will cause students to stop and think for a little bit," Riemer said.

Free hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be available.

Forecasters predict ‘Ike’ to make landfall near Houston

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. - Residents in the Florida Keys breathed a sigh of relief Monday as a fierce Hurricane Ike turned west on a path away from the low-lying island chain. But Gulf Coast states watched anxiously to see if the storm was gunning for them instead.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned that, after passing into the Gulf of Mexico sometime Tuesday night,

Ike could make landfall in the U.S. over the weekend near the Texas-Louisiana border, possibly not far from Houston.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry declared disasters in 88 counties to aid storm preparation and put 7,500 National Guard members on standby.

In Louisiana, where thousands remain without power after Hurricane Gustav hit last week, Gov. Bobby Jindal urged residents to start stockpiling food, water, batteries and other supplies. The state also was readying shelters

and making plans for trains, buses and planes in case a coastal evacuation is called later in the week.

"It is still too early to be evacuating certainly, but it is not too early to be making sure you've got food and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," Jindal said.

With the storm on a new track, Keys officials let an evacuation order expire Monday. By

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AP Photo

Residents in Key West, Fla., who didn't adhere to the resident evacuation orders for Hurricane Ike, celebrate the cancellation of a hurricane watch.

Briles brings more than offense to Baylor team

One day after leading the Bears to their eighth-straight and final loss in 2007, Guy Morriss stood in front of the local media, read a prepared statement and ended his career at Baylor with a simple, "Peace out."

It was fitting for Morriss, who kept himself separate from the athletes. Game plans he could manage, but personnel, he could not.

However, all that's changed with the leadership of head coach Art Briles. From his first press conference, he exuded a charisma that wafted through the campus, the fieldhouse, and even into the stands. That's why an involved coach is so important for Baylor football.

There's more to football than

X's and O's, and Briles knows that. For the past two weeks, the Bears' interview room has brought forth something seldom seen in the Morriss era — emotion.

Sure, the players were thrilled beating Texas A&M University in 2004 on an overtime two-point conversion, and upset in 2006 when the Aggies broke the Bears' chance for a bowl. But this year's squad, which has many of the same faces as last season's, is different.

After the loss to Wake Forest University, the media interview room was somber. Briles' shoulders were slouched, his face was grim and he had a quiet anger within him. He called the effort embarrassing, knowing the Bears



sports take

BY BRIAN BATEMAN

could perform better. The squad had the same, solemn attitude when they entered the room. Every member mentioned that it wasn't their best performance and vied to perform better next week.

Then this past week Baylor trounced the Northwestern State Demons in a 51-6 victory. Briles was upbeat, making his classic quips when someone from the media said something stupid. His

head shook in agreement with the questions. As if on cue, the locker room, which is adjacent to the interview room, exploded into song as the entire squad chanted, yelled and cheered the victory.

Briles even commented on the event saying, "That's what we want: a happy dressing room." Quarterback Robert Griffin, half-back Jay Finley and even sophomore linebacker Chris Francis were thrilled, grinning from ear to ear.

It was something I have never noticed in my three years of covering Morriss. While Morriss had substantial accomplishments in his time as a coach on the Brazos, he was just that — a coach — and nothing more.

Briles is involved. At the spring game, it was visible. During every game, it is visible. He is constantly interacting with his players, getting to know them on a personal level, and explaining the thought process of each player's position.

He has nicknames for everyone. Kicker Ben Parks is "All-Star," after his game-winning field goal in the Texas High School Coaches' Association All-Star game. There's Jason Smith, the Bears' expected offensive tackle contribution to the NFL draft, who's nickname is "J-Smooth," and Griffin, also known as "Kid," for his youth on the squad.

It's a top-down, pyramid approach to managing a team, and it's exactly what the Bears

need.

Let's face it, Baylor's not on a competitive level with schools like the University of Texas or the University of Oklahoma when it comes to football. The Bears might have a great season every few years, but consistent Big 12 titles are out of Baylor's reach.

For Baylor to play above their means, the football team has to play on emotion. The last coach at Baylor this involved with his team has a statue erected to him outside the stadium. If Briles continues his ways, he might just have one, too.

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Editorial

Marriage isn't the only answer

Looking for baby bumps has for years been a favorite pastime for those who keep tabs on the celebrity scene, but lately the bumps have been growing on younger stars. Teen pregnancies are getting more and more attention lately, and it seems the next step for many is marriage. Bristol Palin, the 17-year-old daughter of vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, is five months pregnant and plans to marry the father of the child. Jamie-Lynn Spears, Britney Spears' younger sister, gave birth in June at the age of 17 and also plans on marrying the father.

When an unmarried couple finds out they are pregnant, marriage should be given consideration, but it is by no means a blanket solution. It has to be regarded on a situational basis, keeping certain factors in mind. Marriage is hard enough when two people choose it just for love. Adding a child into the mix at the get-go isn't going to help matters.

Age is an important dynamic when considering marriage. Younger people are often not mature enough for a serious relationship, especially one that would require them to be responsible for a family.

How many high school couples do you know that were convinced that they would be together forever only to break up a year or even months later?

A class offered at Baylor, Personal Relationships, discusses

some causes of divorce. The book used in the class, "Intimate Relationships," by Miller, Perlman and Brehm states that people who get married before the age of 25 are more likely to divorce than older couples.

It is also more likely that older couples will have completed more school than younger couples, and higher levels of education correlate with a lower rate of divorce.

Another important thing couples must consider is whether combining finances is a strain the relationship can handle. With diapers, food, clothes and the million accessories that they require, babies are expensive. Money will obviously be tighter than normal with a new baby, but relationships between couples with low incomes are tougher than those with more money to spend.

People with low-status occupations and lower incomes are more likely to get divorced, according to the book.

On top of these reasons, premarital birth already increases each spouse's chance for divorce, the book says.

A study published by the American Psychological Association in the "Journal of Family Psychology," suggests that the more infants cry during the night, the more dissatisfied parents become with their marriage. To add a fussing baby to a couple that hasn't had time to grow as husband and wife will only make it harder for them to



be happy in the marriage.

Though divorce is very common in our time, it still negatively affects children. Children with divorced parents are more likely to experience psychological problems, like depression and anxiety. Problematic behavior, such as alcoholism, drug use or criminal behavior are also more likely to occur in children from divorced than children whose parents stay married, according to the "Intimate Relationships."

This doesn't mean that having parents that have never been married is necessarily better for a child, but a break-up between two never-married parents could be less prolonged than a divorce. This could keep a child from witnessing as much conflict between his or

her parents, which would benefit the child since experts link conflict with behavioral problems and difficulty being close to the parents.

Another study published in the "Journal of Family Psychology," states that parental divorce is connected to lower quality relationships between parents and children and that exposure to parental conflict has been linked to the development of hostility in the child.

Hostility for the child would be bad enough since it would affect the way he or she interacts with people, but the study also points to health problems that are associated with hostility, such as a greater susceptibility to stress and coronary heart disease.

Many men might argue that

marrying the mother of your children is the responsible thing to do. And they're right. Marriage is a responsible thing to do if a couple is at a place in their lives where getting married is financially reasonable and in a place in their relationships where marriage had been seriously considered before the pregnancy.

But when that's not the case, marriage shouldn't be the simple answer to pregnancy.

Marriage is a lifetime commitment, not a title to be taken on suddenly when things don't go as planned. It should be something and someone you choose and shouldn't be rushed into.

Unintended pregnancy isn't a mistake that should be covered up by marriage.

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Letters to the editor

Palin nominated for right reasons

Jade Ortego may have found McCain's VP pick insulting to women, but her (Sept. 3) column was insulting to readers.

If DNC talking points with cute, loaded adjectives passes for analysis then The Lariat's election coverage won't be worth reading.

I'm not sure where to start with Ortego's piece — her ad hominem dismissal of a sitting governor, her piling-on of an embattled 17-year old, or her stunning assertion that McCain's last substantive criticism of Obama is inexperience.

However, I do agree with Ortego's contention that Gov.

Palin is diametrically opposed to Hillary Clinton.

Palin's professional accomplishments are her work alone and not the result of a Senate coronation because of her husband and her last name.

Kevin Goll
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Progressives contradict themselves in criticizing Palin

Progressive bloggers and the progressive mainstream media wasted no time in questioning and attacking Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

In one line of attack, progressives are agitated and concerned

about Sarah shirking maternal duties to her children, including care for infant son Trig. He was born in April with Down syndrome.

Gosh, a hallmark of progressive thought is the notion that modern women can outsource child care.

If Sarah Palin had "taken care of" unborn Trig at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Anchorage, that would have been a personal choice honored by progressives.

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Theres a limit to BU going green

It is official: Baylor has gone green. Fear no more, for the

world's largest Baptist institution is now doing its part to save Mother Earth.

We should all applaud our beloved school for providing ways for its students to become more eco-friendly. Placing recycling bins around campus, encouraging the use of bikes and public transportation and selling eco-friendly themed shirts at the Baylor Bookstore are all great ways for Baylor to tend to our dying planet.

However, I don't understand why Baylor has forced us to choose between saving the earth and having trays in our campus dining halls.

Don't get me wrong, I want to reduce my carbon footprint

as much as the next Baylor student.

At the same time, I would also like the convenience of having a tray in a cafeteria to help me get my food from point A to point B without dropping my plates and wreaking mass chaos.

At the risk of sounding anti-progressive, I believe that Baylor shouldn't rid its campus of necessary conveniences in order to marginally benefit the environment.

I'm certain that if trays were responsible for global warming, Luby's would have stopped using them long ago. But suppose that doing away with trays does significantly benefit the environment. What other "exciting

changes" will Baylor phase into our everyday lives?

Will Baylor get rid of all the water fountains on campus in order to conserve water?

Who decides when Baylor's new eco-friendly policies cross the line?

I don't mind Baylor encouraging and providing ways for students to help the environment. But is it right for Baylor to implement radical new policies by decreasing the quality of life for its students?

Please meditate on these questions the next time you are scrubbing down your reusable to-go box.

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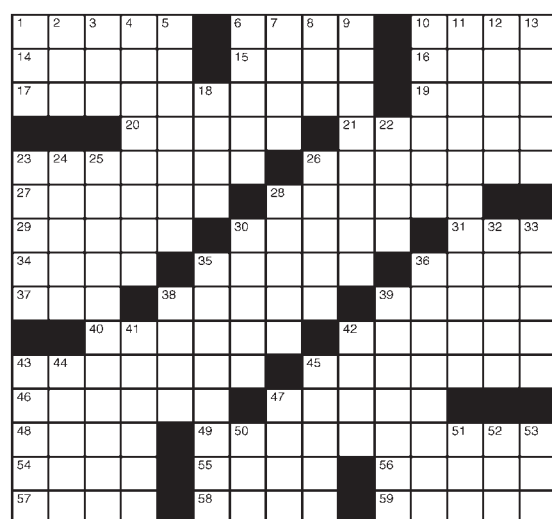
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Scranton, PA

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Cyclist hit by car, sent to hospital

By **Melanie Crowson**
Reporter

A cyclist was hit by a vehicle while riding southbound on 8th Street Sunday evening.

The cyclist is Sugar Land freshman Scott Sierra and is a member of the Baylor Cycling Club.

"I had just finished doing an airport loop and was going to do a few laps around campus," Sierra recalled. "And I just ... got hit."

Sierra was aided by passers-by as a crowd gathered and waited for an ambulance to arrive.

"I heard the impact, I was across the street," Ashville, N.C., senior Hannah Kaminer said. "I'm a lifeguard, so I ran over to help keep people calm and make sure that people didn't move him in case he had a spinal injury."

Baylor Police arrived first on the scene and began to direct 8th Street traffic around the accident. The Waco Fire Department then arrived and helped Sierra up on a stretcher, who was by then conscious and speaking.

He was taken to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center.

Sierra suffered severe injuries to his ribs and lacerations from

the collision.

The driver of the vehicle is a University of Mary Hardin-Baylor student.

According to Baylor police, the driver didn't see Sierra and pulled out from the stop sign on the corner of MP Daniel and 8th Street and struck him. Sierra had the right of way and was not issued a citation.

Sierra has been released from the hospital and is recovering. "I have a big cut on my ribs and some scratches but I'm doing okay," he said.

The accident has raised awareness about cycling safety.

"Wear bright colored clothing, have lights on the front and back of the bike so that cars can see them," when riding in the evening, said Garland senior Brandon Thomas, president of Baylor Cycling Club. "Just be aware of the cars that around you and pulling out of streets and realize that they won't always see you so anticipate them not seeing you."

According to Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak, Sierra is lucky to have survived the accident.

"The blessing of this entire thing is that this student was wearing a helmet," Doak said. "It may have very well saved his life."



Sarah Morris/Lariat Staff

Accordion' to him ...

Justin Locklear of the band Waco Youth Revival jammed on his accordion during the Waco Co-Op Saturday afternoon at Common Grounds. The 11-hour event featured 18 bands and raised money for charity chosen by those who attended. For more Co-Op pictures, go online to the Lariat Photo Gallery.

Increase in alternate transportation brings safety issues

Melanie Crowson
Reporter

Many off-campus students travel to campus by walking, biking, skateboarding and longboarding to save on commute time and gas, but these modes of transportation have their own hazards and drawbacks.

As parking has become more scarce for students and prices surge at the pump, non-motor vehicles have become more pop-

ular.

"It's a lot easier to walk to campus than to waste time looking for a parking spot," Spring junior Ashton Cooper said. "Especially in the morning, it wakes me up before I get to class."

But sharing the road can be difficult for drivers, bikers and pedestrians.

"As a driver, I don't really see bikers until they are right there," Sugar Land senior Melanie Arndt said.

Arndt also expressed her

safety concerns as a bike rider.

"It's a little scary late at night (when biking to campus), especially when there are cars."

According to the Baylor DPS crime log, between May and August of this year, there were 15 auto accidents, spanning the campus and the surrounding area.

These months were not primary traffic months. August — when students were beginning to return to campus — proved to be the most decorated in traffic

accidents.

El Paso sophomore Lilia Granillo opts to ride her bike to class, but said she feels safety is an issue.

"I live in The Grove apartments, which are the last ones on University Parks," Granillo said. "So riding my bike down that road, it's crazy — it's like a speedway!"

Other means of transportation becoming more popular around campus are skateboarding and longboarding.

"I board because it's more convenient," Sugar Land junior Josh Martinez said. "You don't have to deal with locks or anything, and if you see someone or need to do something, it's a matter of stepping off the board rather than awkwardly straddling a bike. It cuts down on travel time quite a bit, and in the mornings it's a decent adrenaline boost for that first class that's a pain to get through."

Another alternative in campus transportation is the Baylor

University Shuttle system. The three bus routes run every fifteen minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., five days a week.

Shuttle times and routes can be found online at www.baylor.edu/bus.

Safety tips for walking or biking to campus include: keeping aware of surroundings, never walking alone at night and parking bikes on bike racks.

More tips can be found online at the Baylor Police Department Web site.

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Freshman to vote for officers

By Kate Williams
Reporter

Interim President Garland isn't the only new leader in town. Student Government will welcome 13 new senators and three freshman class officers to Baylor's Student Senate on Thursday.

Freshman officers will be selected during today's election. Freshman can vote online from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by visiting the student government Web site at www.baylor.edu/sg.

Bryan Fonville, Garland senior and student body president, expressed his enthusiasm over the amount of applications for freshman officers.

"The class of 2012 certainly is a spirited bunch and there are a lot of freshman that really want to make a difference," Fonville said.

Plano senior President Pro Tempore Jessica Liu, said she is eagerly anticipating the arrival of the freshman senators.

"The freshman are able to provide a good fresh perspective to the issues (student government) is currently pursuing," Liu said.

While student government awaits the election of the freshman senators, Fonville and

Lindale junior class president, Nicole Yeakley, confirmed new members of their staff on Thursday.

Fonville introduced Caleb Gallifant as his chief of staff, Chelsea Saylors as his director of presidential communications, Amanda Beattie as his alumni relations and academic representative, Jacob Voncannon as the student relations representative and Gina Gollub as his student director of Learning English Among Friends (LEAF).

"We know each other's strengths and we build off of that," Saylors said. "We work together to get the job done."

Saylors has served in student government for the past three years as a class officer, with her last year serving as Fonville's chief of staff.

While her positions exposed her to a variety of different aspects of student government, her new position allows her to work with and unite students and faculty, Saylors said.

"I get to communicate with students and faculty and be one of the people inviting them to build a better Baylor," Saylors said.

Yeakley also introduced three new members of her staff: Nicki Sauve as her chief of staff,

Sam Chen as her legislative relations chair and Matthew Moore as her assistant legislative relations chair.

Yeakley's staff deals directly with external affairs, Allentown, Pa., senior Sam Chen said.

Chen said he will be working closely with Yeakley to provide outside schools with information about Baylor's student government.

Along with Fonville's and Yeakley's new staff, the student justice system added two new court justices on Thursday.

San Antonio sophomore Tyler Walton and White Oak sophomore Emmanuel Gawrieh were selected and confirmed as the student justices.

Fonville looks forward to the new student court appointments.

"They're both young, relatively experienced with Student Government or conflict resolution, and both bring a unique perspective to the court," Fonville said.

Currently, Student Senate has more available positions for those students who are interested in serving Student Government.

For a list of the available Student Government positions, visit www.baylor.edu/sg.



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Running the rain

Texas junior Monica McCain dodges the rain while leaving the Marrs McLean Science Building Monday afternoon.

BEAR BRIEFS

Freshman Student Government election voting is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at www.baylor.edu/sg/vote. Cast your vote for freshman officers.

Rock the Vote is sponsoring "Stop, Take Some Time To Think" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Traditions Square. On Wednesday and Thursday, voter registration information is available in the Bill Daniel Student Center this week. For more information, visit <http://www.baylor.edu>

Circle K International will hold a pizza and game night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight at Minglewood Bowl. For more information, contact Jennifer_Moon@baylor.edu.

CHI's Service Sorority will hold an orientation event tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Gregory room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. For more information, contact Jennifer_Moon@baylor.edu.

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Global Living and Learning Center engages students in culture

By Lian Qiu
Reporter

The Global Community Living and Learning Center embarks on its first year of operation this fall. It caters to domestic students who desire to learn another language and culture and live with international students on the first floor of Brooks Flats.

The GC-LLC on the first floor of Brooks Flats, also will offer various intercultural activities, including seminars, lingo groups and social events. "Global community helps people gain a cross-cultural perspective, so they know better how to interact with people of another culture,"

said Janet Norden, director of the GC-LLC.

Four foreign languages are being spoken at Brooks Flats: Spanish, French, Japanese and Korean. In each suite, one international student is paired with three American students, and inside the suite, they only speak their target language.

Irving sophomore Christine Dinh is living in a Spanish suite.

At first Dinh said she was afraid to be a part of the program because she had forgotten a lot of Spanish after not being around the language for a year, but was attracted to the opportunity and challenge of the GC-LLC.

"Next to the Bible is our

trusty Spanish-English dictionary, which comes in handy and we use it often," Dinh said. "We greet each other in Spanish and have conversations all in Spanish about our days. Sometimes when we are not even in our suites we accidentally mix in Spanish words with English. Only two weeks into the program, I feel my Spanish improving daily."

Being a resident in GC-LLC can offer an advantage for international students.

"After coming to Baylor, international students would like to have more chances to practice English and make friends with American students," said Kana Abe, an international student from Japan. "However, attending

classes in most cases only creates short and shallow friendships. Finally, international students are still confined to their own circles."

Living in the GC-LLC can help build lasting friendships, Norden said.

"When you are living in the suite with three domestic people, those are your buddies. They will be asking you 'Why not come to my house for Thanksgiving?'" Norden said. "Those three friends all have 10 to 1,000 friends each. So the international student has a built-in group of friends that are larger than those ever attained from classes."

Another way to help GC-LLC students assess and understand

other cultures is by taking seminars.

They will have one-hour seminar courses for three semesters. The topic of the seminar for this semester is "Developing Cultural Sensitivity," which addresses issues such as hospitality, health, global wealth and ethics.

Norden's graduate assistant, Emily Rodgers, appeared at the first meeting of the seminar on Thursday.

Rodgers said she was excited to stand on the ground floor of a project such as this.

"I learned student's learning experience can be powerfully impacted by the physical space in which they live, combined with the interpersonal community that surrounds them," Rod-

gers said. "For individuals who desire to learn another language and prepare themselves to serve in other countries, the global community is a wonderful place for that learning to occur."

Out-of-class activities targeted to the GC-LLC include lingo groups, common attendance of various lectures or films, shared meals and a service component.

All Global Community participants are expected to contribute service hours both to GC-LLC and to the greater community.

Service hours are one of the contributing elements in elevating progress from Global Citizen to Global Ambassador. A Global Ambassador title requires a semester abroad experience.

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Average action, predictable plot dominate ‘Bangkok’

By Stephen Jablonski
Web/Media Editor

The implausible plot and connections of “Bangkok Dangerous” are difficult to get over, but if that’s managed, the movie is somewhat bearable.

MOVIE REVIEW

For me, the title “Bangkok Dangerous” elicits two memories.

First, an SNL skit where Seth Meyers argues with a friend to find a Dutch guy that ‘cleans up messes’ as a hooker lies dead by his side.

The punch line is a Vegas-esque ‘what happens in Thailand, stays in Thailand.’

In fact a similar line is uttered in the movie.

The second memory is of a gag humor that was the kind popular in middle school amongst hormone-crazed males with an inclination toward slapstick.

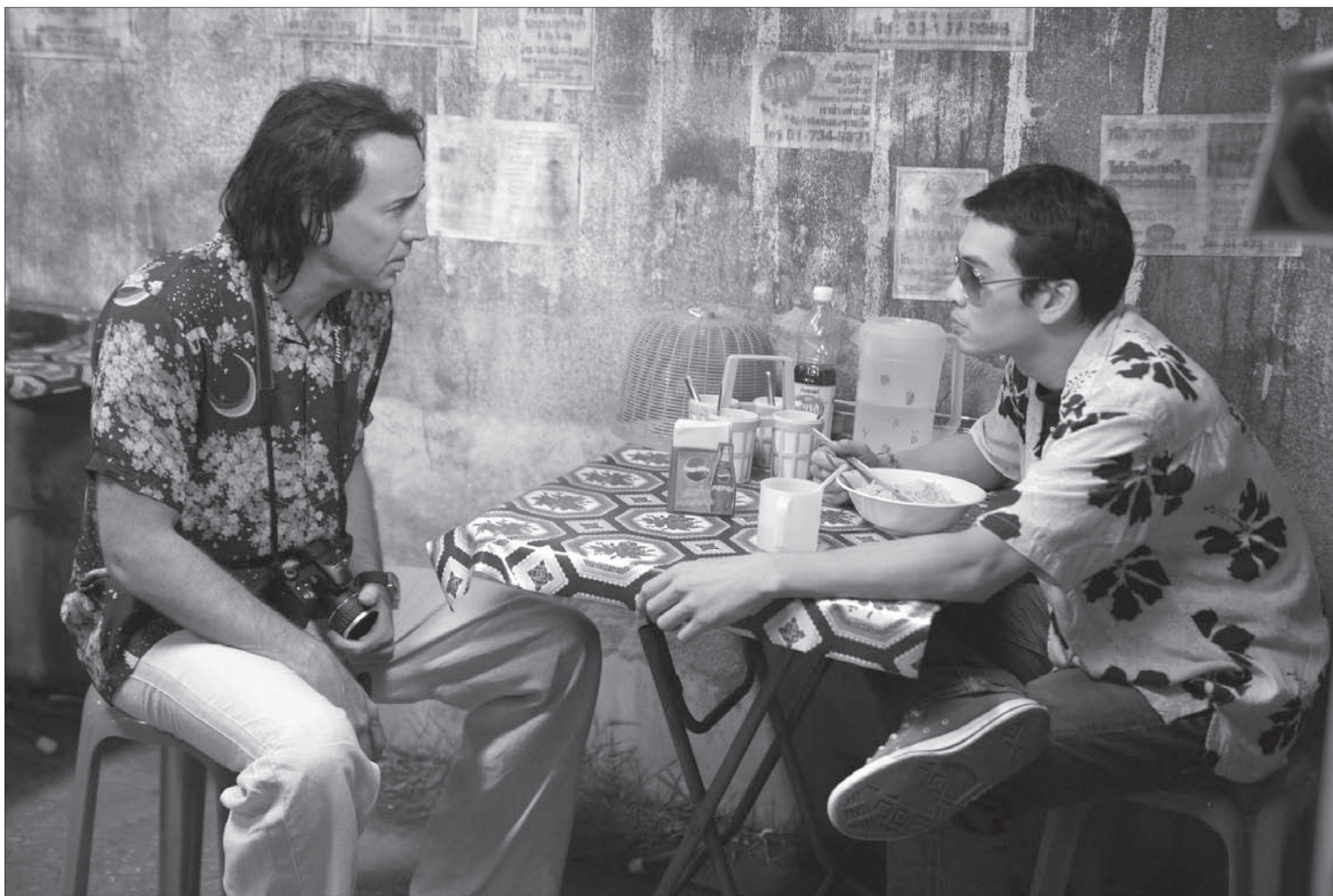
The setup was, ‘What’s the capital of Thailand?’

It was said with a fist clenched in preparation for the punch line.

So, keeping in mind the nature of these memories, I find the movie more aptly titled than one could imagine.

Granted, it sounds like someone just pointed to a map and a page in Biff’s Lexicon of Action-Packed Words and made a movie.

But that’s the beautiful simplicity: “Bangkok Dangerous” is, in fact, set in Bangkok, and what’s presented in the majority of the 99-minute runtime looks



Courtesy of Lionsgate Films

Nicolas Cage plays Joe, an assassin on assignment in Bangkok. His plans suddenly change when he falls in love with a deaf pharmacist and befriends Fon, a man who reminds him of himself.

pretty dangerous.

To be honest, the title doesn’t do it much credit.

It’s a little better than that.

A little.

Nicolas Cage plays Joe, a lone, hard-edged hired gun.

But who would’ve guessed this strictly stoic assassin would fall in love with a deaf pharmacist?

I wouldn’t.

Or, that Mr. Leave-No-Traces/Kill-Everyone would take on

a pupil because he reminds him of him?

Got me again.

It’s a little far-fetched.

It’s not easy to engross yourself in a character if he’s been trying desperately to convince

you for fifteen minutes through voice-over that he’s a heartless killing-machine.

Although the voice-over does provides some laughably melodramatic lines.

But then, a few minutes later,

he’s falling in love-at-first-sight and petting elephants.

Characters need to develop, not spontaneously morph.

“Bangkok Dangerous” is the American remake of a Thai release under the same name, made by the same directors, the Pang Brothers.

Oxide Pang and his pedestrian-named brother, Danny, also wrote and directed the original “The Eye,” which saw an American remake starring Jessica Alba in February.

The Pang Brothers give a very gritty, stylized perspective that adds an interesting aesthetic element.

This style sometimes detracts from the film, as some shots necessitate the audience try and decipher what’s actually being presented on screen.

But honestly, it’s not that bad.

It’s simple, predictable, but not horrible.

The love interest and the student subplots can hold some interest if you can get past their implausibility, and the resolution is somewhat unexpected.

Or it was more mature than I would’ve imagined.

But the action, save one scene with a grenade, is pretty standard.

Of course, that’s not a good indication for a movie with ‘dangerous’ in the title.

If anything, I’d wait for it to come out on DVD.

Or convince a friend to rent it.

Or wait till “Hong Kong Perilous” gets green lit.

Grade: C-

J.K. Rowling wins court case over ‘Harry Potter’ copyright

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge ruled Monday in favor of “Harry Potter” author J.K. Rowling in her copyright infringement lawsuit against a fan and Web site operator who was set to publish a Potter encyclopedia.

U.S. District Judge Robert P. Patterson said Rowling had proven that Steven Vander Ark’s “Harry Potter Lexicon” would cause her irreparable harm as a writer.

He permanently blocked publication of the reference guide and awarded Rowling and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. \$6,750 in statutory damages.

“I took no pleasure at all in bringing legal action and am delighted that this issue has been resolved favorably,” Rowling said Monday in a statement. “I went to court to uphold the right of authors everywhere to protect their own original work. The court has upheld that right.”

“The proposed book took an enormous amount of my work and added virtually no original commentary of its own. ... Many books have been published which offer original insights into the world of Harry Potter. The Lexicon just is not one of them.”

Rowling and Warner Bros.,

maker of the Harry Potter films and owner of intellectual property rights to the Potter books and movies, sued Michigan-based RDR Books last year to stop publication of material from the Harry Potter Lexicon Web site.

Vander Ark, a former school librarian, runs the site, which is a guide to the seven Potter books and includes detailed descriptions of characters, creatures, spells and potions.

The small publisher was not contesting that the lexicon infringes upon Rowling’s copyright but argued that it was a fair use allowable by law for reference books.

In his ruling, Patterson noted that reference materials are generally useful to the public but that in this case, Vander Ark went too far.

“While the lexicon, in its current state, is not a fair use of the Harry Potter works, reference works that share the lexicon’s purpose of aiding readers of literature generally should be encouraged rather than stifled,” he said.

He added that he ruled in Rowling’s favor because the “Lexicon appropriates too much of Rowling’s creative work for its purposes as a reference guide.”

Anthony Falzone, who argued the case for RDR Books, said he had not yet seen the

ruling and could not immediately comment.

RDR publisher Roger Rapoport did not immediately return a telephone message for comment.

Though Rowling had once praised the Web site, she testified earlier this year that the lexicon was nothing more than a rearrangement of her material.

She said she was so distressed at the prospect that it would be published that she had stopped work on a new novel.

“It’s really decimated my creative work over the last month,” she said during the trial in April.

If the lexicon is published, she went on, “I firmly believe that carte blanche will be given to anyone who wants to make a quick bit of money, to divert some Harry Potter profits into their own pockets.”

Vander Ark, a devoted fan of Rowling, began work on his Web site in 1999 and launched it in 2000.

The seven Potter books, which ended last year with the final book in the series “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” have been published in 64 languages, sold more than 400 million copies and produced a film franchise that has pulled in \$4.5 billion at the worldwide box office.

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A MISUSED WEAPON IN A RELIGIOUS WAR

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Abstract:

If science and the Christian faith are in ultimate harmony, why is there so much conflict today in our school boards, churches, classrooms, and courtrooms? The metaphor of war has been used since the late 19th century to describe the severity of the conflict. The real war is not between science and Christianity but between different religious perspectives, with science misused as the weapon of choice. Evolutionism, creationism, and the Intelligent Design movement are some of the combatants in this religious war between metaphysical naturalism and theism. By examining the motivation behind these movements, we can derive a better understanding of the relationship between science and our Christian faith. Science and religion must be presented in the proper perspective in our educational system.

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The Baylor Bears football team squares off against Northwestern State on Saturday Sept. 5. The Bears led Northwestern 30 to 6 at halftime. Quarterback, 10, Robert Griffin celebrates after making the first touchdown of the first quarter.

Bears win Baylor Classic, improve to 7-0 on season

By Justin Baer
Reporter

As the saying goes: it's not how you start, but how you finish.

While that may be the case, the Bears 7-0 start to the season cannot go unnoticed, as a dominant beginning for the 2008 campaign has poured the foundation of what head coach Jim Barnes and crew hope to be a successful – and NCAA Tournament-bound – season.

“We know that we can do well, we have seen each other do well,” Katy junior Katie Sanders said. “This start gives us the confidence to do great things. We are going to try and keep going with this and start off with the best record we have ever had.”

Baylor's volleyball program has not seen a team go unbeaten this deep into the season since it compiled a 9-0 start in 2001.

The Bears have added two tournament titles – the Baylor Invitational and the Baylor Classic – to their resume. If that doesn't portray how dominating the Bears have been out of the gates, maybe the fact that Baylor has only lost two of the 23 sets it has played does.

True, teams like the University of Texas-San Antonio and Weber State University aren't on the same scale competitively as Big 12 foes like the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas. Still as Anna Breyfogle said, a win is a win, and for a young team like Baylor, strong

momentum going into the conference season just might be the ingredient to propel this squad into the upper tier of the conference.

“We haven't played horribly hard teams of course,” the Buda junior and preseason All-Big 12 middle blocker said. “But it doesn't matter, saying we're 7-0 just gives us that confidence that helps push us through.”

The Bears, steamrolling through their own tournament, allowed Jim Barnes to see the diversity and the depth of his team. Beijing freshman Qian Zhang exploded onto the scene, leading Saturday morning's match against UTSA with 10 kills. Zhang, who has been somewhat under the shadow of freshman sensation Brianna Tolbert, proved to Jim Barnes every bit of her worth as a viable option off the bench.

Meanwhile, with the emergence of Council Bluffs, Iowa, freshman setter Brittany Ride-nour, Jim Barnes has toggled the idea of playing starting setter Taylor Barnes at the outside hitter to allow players like Katie Sanders to get extra rest.

Taylor Barnes proved Jim Barnes to be a smart man, as the Arlington native finished the four-game tournament with 17 kills.

This weekend presents a more difficult challenge for Baylor. The Bears travel out of state for the first time as they visit the state of Oregon where they are on tap to play the No. 10 University of Oregon.

Griffin unveils offense on Demons

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

The contrasts between Baylor's first two games of the 2008 season couldn't be more stark. From getting blown out by Wake Forest University 41-13 in week one, to week two's 51-6 rout of Northwestern State University, something had to be different.

Much of it may be that there are big differences between playing the No. 20 Demon Deacons from the Atlantic Coast Conference and taking on an unranked Demons team from the Southland Conference. But there are no small games for Art Briles.

“Wins are hard to come by,” Briles said after the Bears' victory over Northwestern. “This is a big win for this football team.”

So what else was different? The most obvious was true freshman Robert Griffin mak-

ing his first start at quarterback. He may have played most of the game against Wake Forest after senior transfer Kirby Freeman proved ineffective, but the Northwestern State game was the first time he had the reigns from the beginning, truly establishing his status as the leader of the team.

“That's what we need,” sophomore running back Jay Finley said. “Someone out there who can lead.”

Griffin appreciates the opportunity.

“Not very many true freshmen have a whole team behind them,” he said. “These guys, they trust me, and that means a lot.”

But apart from having a distinct leader on the field from the get-go, Griffin's presence brought changes to how the Baylor offense was run.

The Bears ran the option. Effectively.

When Griffin dropped back and had a receiver downfield, it became at least a first down, as

evidenced by a 40-yard bomb to junior wide receiver David Gettis in the first quarter. Often it became a touchdown, thanks to a 49-yard pass to junior wide receiver Ernest Smith that turned into Baylor's first six points. Eight different receivers had receptions of 10 yards or more.

“We've got speed out there and when you have speed you have to utilize it,” Griffin said. “We tried to do that by throwing the deep ball.”

When Griffin was flushed out of the pocket he either ran, for a total of 49 yards and a touchdown on the day, or dished it out to Finley who made scoring from the 40-yard line look easy.

“I shuffled it to him and he did all the work,” Griffin said of Finley. “I'm throwing 5-yard passes and they're turning them into 50-yard touchdowns.”

Having him in at quarterback opened up the game for plays simply not possible with Freeman or last year's starter junior

Blake Szymanski under center. The Northwestern State defense had to fear his speed and running ability just as much as his arm, and even if they had both of those bases covered there was still Finley lurking in the backfield, waiting for Griffin to flip the ball his way.

“He can do a lot of things,” Finley said. “He's just getting bigger and better.”

Briles said Griffin did exactly what the team needed him to do. By providing a distinct leader and putting more threats on the field than the Northwestern defense could handle, Griffin allowed the Bears' offense to control the Demons in a number of ways, vastly improving on week one's game. The next two games against Washington State University and the University of Connecticut will provide even more insight into how much of an effect the young quarterback will have on how the offense is run before Baylor heads into conference play against the Uni-



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Beijing freshman outside hitter Qian Zhang taps the volleyball over the net Saturday. Zhang had 10 kills in the contest against UTSA.

Injuries plague Dallas

By Jaime Aron
The Associated Press

IRVING — Marion Barber was gaining yards and dishing out more punishment than he took, justifying the Dallas Cowboys' confidence in making him their featured back. Then he went to the locker room with bruised ribs.

In came top draft pick Felix Jones. All he did was run 11 yards for a touchdown on his first carry. A shoe-lace tackle kept him from going 67 yards for another touchdown on his next carry.

“I think it's a credit to our guys that with all the hype, or the supposed distractions, that they went out and played our kind of game,” coach Wade Phillips said Monday. “That was really pleasing to me that they are disciplined enough not to let other things bother them. I think that was an important step.”

On Monday, Barber did his usual best to avoid reporters, but was seen moving through the locker room swiftly enough that his ribs didn't appear to be bothering him. Phillips

said Barber may not even be limited in practice this week.

Romo was seen in the training room with a butterfly bandage on his chin and white tape on the middle finger of his left hand. He asked someone how long the stitches will last and didn't show any reaction when told they'll fall out after 10 days.

The injury news also was good for guys who didn't play in the opener.

Cornerback Terence Newman said he would play “for sure” against Philadelphia on Monday night. Phillips said receiver Miles Austin and linebacker Anthony Spencer would return to practice Wednesday, too. Receiver Sam Hurd ditched the boot on his ankle and may practice later this week, too.

Also Monday, the Cowboys signed quarterback Brooks Bollinger, giving them a better third option than Crayton (a college quarterback) should Romo and backup Brad Johnson both get hurt. Teams can dress a third QB without counting him toward the 45-man game-day roster, but Dallas played without that safety net last season.

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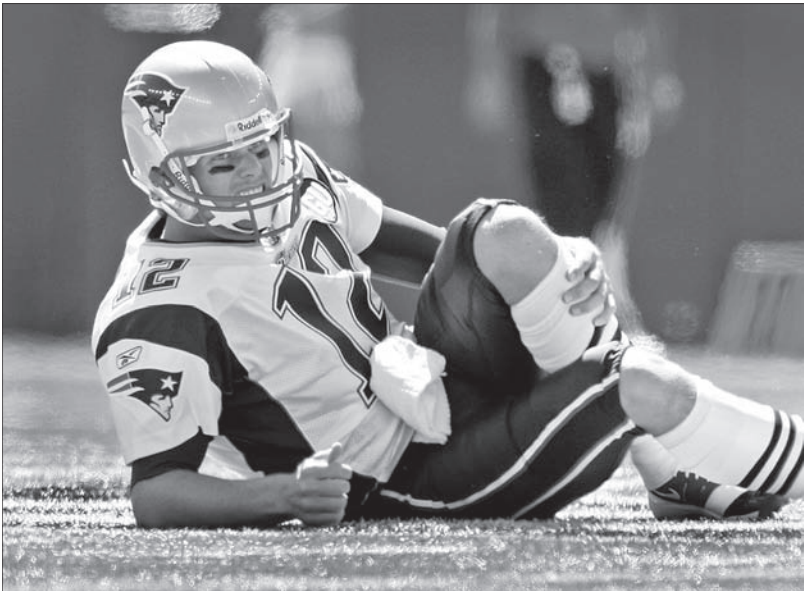
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have come back from injuries before, winning three Super Bowls and reaching a fourth despite losing Rodney Harrison, Richard Seymour, Junior Seau and Drew Bledsoe. Now they will try to do it without Tom Brady.

The 2007 NFL Most Valuable Player will miss the entire '08 season with a left knee injury that needs surgery, the team said Monday. That leaves the Patriots without one of the game's great quarterbacks and severely damages their hopes of a return trip to the Super Bowl.

Coach Bill Belichick would not say what the injury is, but the play, Brady's reaction and the prognosis all point toward a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"As a team we all just have to do our jobs. That really doesn't change," Belichick said Monday, a day after Brady's knee collapsed under him when he was hit by Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard in a 17-10 victory over Kansas City. "He played one position, he played it very well. We have somebody else playing that position now."

The Patriots issued a one-paragraph statement that the two-time Super Bowl MVP will have surgery and be placed on injured reserve. That leaves them in the hands of a backup who's barely been tested — in part because of Brady's 128-game starting streak that was the



AP Photo

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds his leg after being hit by Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard during the first quarter Sunday, in Foxborough, Mass.

third-longest for a quarterback in NFL history.

Matt Cassel, who guided New England to its 20th consecutive regular-season victory after Brady was hurt, will start Sunday at the New York Jets. It will be the first meaningful start since high school for Cassel, who backed up Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at Southern Cal and spent the last three years holding a clipboard for Brady.

"I'm not trying to be Tom Brady. I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel," he said when subbing for Brady on his regular weekly radio show. "I don't know where that's going to take us."

Brady took the Patriots to three NFL titles since 2001 and led them to a perfect record in the regular season last year before a loss in the Super Bowl to the New York Giants deprived them of a fourth championship and an unprecedented 19-0

season. They had been favored to return — before Brady's injury.

"We're not going to tank it the rest of the season. That's not going to happen," defensive lineman Richard Seymour said in a somber and nearly empty Patriots locker room. Seymour was across from where Brady's locker remained stocked with equipment and personal items. "There's always a way to win. We're not going to have a lot of excuses about it."

Even without Brady, the Patriots remain a team stocked with veterans in a mediocre division, and with one of the most successful coaches in NFL history.

Brady missed the preseason with an unspecified foot injury, then led the season opener 7:33 into the first quarter. After being tended to on the field, Brady walked off, limping, between two trainers. He went to the locker room and wasn't seen on the sideline again.

Clark, Fagan lead Bears past Prairie View 10-1

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

By the time halftime rolled around at the Betty Lou Mays Field Sunday afternoon, the Lady Bear soccer team had already scored more goals than in their previous three games combined. Baylor would add five more in a 10-1 victory over Prairie View A&M University.

"We definitely scored a lot of goals," senior midfielder and forward Andi Fagan said.

Freshman midfielder and forward Christine Clark got things started early. In the third minute of the game, she scored the first goal of the match, and her first of the season, unassisted.

Only a few minutes later, sophomore midfielder and forward Lotto Smith would make it 2-0 in favor of the Lady Bears with an unassisted goal of her own.

After scoring the first two goals of her career against Presbyterian College in the third game of the season, Fagan continued her scoring outburst against the Prairie View Panthers, adding her third and fourth goals before the first half was even halfway over.

"She needs to get those goals," head coach Marci Jobson said. "It shows she's stepping up as a leader and I'm proud of her."

Baylor's fifth goal came courtesy of sophomore forward Allie Moran, her first career goal, with less than 10 minutes to play in the first half.

The early goals were exactly what Jobson wanted.

"What I'm looking for from these guys is to treat every game the same and create separation," she said. "We come out hard, we press — we don't sit back."

The second half started in much the same vein as the first, only this time Baylor scored even more quickly. Junior midfielder

Betsy Kyle scored in the very first minute of play to put the Lady Bears up 6-0.

Before it was all over freshman midfielder and forward Hannah Dismuke would score her first goal of the season, Moran would score her second of the game, and junior midfielder and forward Bekah Brady would score twice.

"We knew we needed to stay focused all through the game," Brady said. "It's exciting to score."

Focus and determination have been two points Jobson has kept on the forefront of her players' minds, and the Lady Bears were fairly consistent in maintaining both throughout the match.

"I thought their discipline and focus were very good," Jobson said.

The only low point came when the Lady Panthers managed to score their single goal on their only shot of the game.

"I thought for a short period of time we lost our focus for a one-minute span," she said. "That was the one thing I wasn't happy with."

There was also a scare when sophomore midfielder Lindsey Johnson went down with just under 21 minutes left in the first half. She didn't return but Jobson said this was more of a precautionary measure than anything to be seriously worried about.

"She's fine," she said. "She'll be ready to go by next week."

Altogether the Lady Bears took 38 shots and seven different players scored at least one goal in 90 minutes of play. Their 10 goals were the most scored by Baylor since they beat McNeese State University 11-0 in 1996. They'll look to produce similar success when they take on Arizona State University Friday night.

"Arizona State's a top team," Jobson said. "They always play great soccer, so that's going to be a tough match. We're going to have to come out prepared."

Fantasy football offers alternative to pads and helmets

By Kyle McKanna
Reporter

"Gore did pretty well," Spring senior Andrew Scheller said. "And Bush had a big day too."

Even though Scheller is a political science major, he wasn't talking about politics. He was talking about Frank Gore and Reggie Bush, the starting running backs on his fantasy football team.

Fantasy football is a fantasy sport that uses the performances of actual players to determine match-ups between fantasy teams, and it's a phenomenon that is sweeping across businesses and college campuses everywhere. Experts at Challenger, Gray and Christmas, Inc., which

is a consulting organization, are predicting employees will waste an estimated \$9.2 billion of work time tinkering with their teams. But, what exactly are they wasting their time on?

To start, a league needs to be created. Fantasy football leagues can either be set up manually or run through a Web site like yahoo.com or espn.com. After the league is set up, a commissioner can decide to leave its membership open to the public, or to customize it by personally inviting other "owners" to join.

Many people, including graduate Bobby Watkins, have chosen to compete against people they know in customized leagues.

"I have nine guys who gradu-

ated from Baylor in my league," Watkins said. "It makes it more competitive and more fun."

Once the league is filled, usually with around 14 teams, a draft is held.

The draft is possibly the most important event during the season, since the players you choose are the ones who will compete for you on a weekly basis.

There are two different types of drafts. The most common is snake style, a format where each participant is given a draft order. Each owner then drafts players according to position in the draft. The person who picked last in the first round then gets the first pick in the second round. The draft continues until each team's roster is filled. The other type of

draft is an auction draft. In these leagues owners are given a salary cap and are forced to bid on players to secure them.

"We had a snake style draft," Scheller said. "I had pick nine. That is not where you want to be."

The owner's goal in a draft is to get a solid starting lineup. Fantasy starting line-ups usually consist of one quarterback, two running backs, three wide receivers, a tight end, a kicker and a defense. Owners are also allowed to have bench players. This not only gives owners options, but also provides a substitute in case of injury or bye weeks.

Once the teams are set and week one in the NFL, or col-

lege football arrives, the season begins. Each week one fantasy team competes against another in the league. Whichever team scores more points gets the win for the week.

Points are awarded based on performance. Quarterbacks, running backs and receivers all get points for yards gained and touchdowns scored. Defenses earn points for sacks, interceptions, fumble recoveries and any special teams score.

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"My best fantasy move was picking up Larry Johnson off free agency in 2006," Watkins said. "It helped me win the championship."

Whether you are a diehard fan, or just a football novice interested, fantasy football is a fun and easy way to get to know the game of football. Not only can it provide you with great moments, like winning a championship, it has advantages too.

McKinney senior Alex Burris is in his first season as a fantasy owner, but has already seen the immense upside. "It keeps me more in-tune with the season," Burris said. "It's made me a better football fan, and I like that."

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GRAVES from page 1

“We need to ask, ‘What are we doing statewide to reserve historic sites and artifacts?’” Howard said.

The inquiry is to find what can be done in the next legislative session to prevent similar mishandling of human remains.

According to Texas Health & Safety Code, Section 711.004, “A cemetery may not ... allow the sale of the plot in which the remains are located to another person.”

Public information officer Larry Holze said that the

inquiry will amount to “pretty much a decision made by the legislature to decide what can be done” about the situation.

Whether Waco will face repercussions for the building on human remains is uncertain.

“Obviously there have been violations of state and federal regulations, but I really can’t say at this point (whether Waco will be penalized),” Howard said.

Holze sought to downplay the gravity of the inquiry. “We really don’t anticipate (losing the museum) at all,” Holze said. “What’s sad is that we’ve been following protocols throughout this whole thing and then

we find out that things weren’t done always right initially.”

The committee will be com-

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Donna Howard
head of subcommittee

ing to Waco to talk to people who are involved in construction of the museum. Howard predicts that a hearing date will be set within the next two months.

IKE from page 1

late afternoon Ike had weakened to a Category 1 storm, and a hurricane watch for the island chain was discontinued.

Ike is still supposed to deliver heavy rain and wind, and authorities suggested residents who had left stay away until Wednesday. They said those who stayed behind should remain inside, and tourists should wait for the weekend to return. Roughly 20,000 tourists left over the weekend when it looked like Ike could make a direct hit.

Many storm-hardened locals just rode out the hype the way they usually do, drinking. Key West residents are a hardy bunch, generations of whom have lived through storms. They typically take a wait-and-see stance.

“Us folks have lived here for years. We worry but we always think it will be OK,” said 80-year-old Barbara Kellner while walking her dog. “And we see the weather report today, and it appears it all will be OK.”

Businesses were not as cavalier. It was the second time in a month vacationers left en masse. Tourists also cleared out of the Keys last month ahead of Tropical Storm Fay, and their departure means a hit to the bottom line. Officials estimate

tourists spend about \$175 a day in the Keys. With some 20,000 having fled for Ike, that’s about \$3.5 million for each day they’re gone.

“I think they called the guns out a little too soon. They killed business,” said Deborah Dietrich, the manager of a nearly empty bakery. “Whether we have hurricane ruin or not, there’s financial ruin.”

Dietrich said the Croissants de France bakery would be lucky to tally \$300 in sales for the weekend. They usually bring in more than \$6,000 each day of an average weekend with no storm looming, she said.

Monroe County Mayor Mario Di Gennaro said he didn’t regret telling tourists and residents to get out of town ahead of Ike, though he acknowledged that such orders are costly. He estimated businesses throughout the Keys lost about \$10 million because of evacuations for Tropical Storm Fay last month.

Ike roared ashore in eastern Cuba Sunday night, blowing homes to rubble and sending waves crashing over apartment buildings. By Monday afternoon, Ike had maximum sustained winds of about 100 mph. The storm was expected to hit Havana early Tuesday.

The storm first slammed into the Turks and Caicos and the southernmost Bahamas islands as a mean Category 4

hurricane that peeled off roofs and knocked down buildings. At least 61 people were killed as it pelted Haiti.

The Federal Emergency Management agency was uncertain about the timing of evacuations along the coast. It would be at least 24 to 48 hours until officials have a clearer picture of Ike’s intended path, and officials need to evacuate communities 48 hours before a storm’s winds kick up.

“That puts us right in middle of when we should be moving people,” Glenn Cannon, FEMA’s head of disaster operations, said Monday.

With the current forecast models, Jindal said he doesn’t anticipate the sort of mass evacuations forced by Gustav, which emptied out most of south Louisiana, including the New Orleans area. A curfew that had been put in place as Gustav approached was lifted by New Orleans officials on Monday.

With Ike, coastal communities vulnerable to tidal surges and larger areas of southwest Louisiana would likely be asked to seek refuge away from their homes.

“Roughly speaking, they think there’s about a one in three chance that the storm will make landfall in Louisiana,” Jindal said. “We’re just getting ready for the worst-case scenario.”



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Catch me, if you can

Calgary, Canada junior midfielder Lara Doherty dribbles the ball down the field at Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field on Sunday. The Bears went on to defeat the Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers 10-1.

CAMPUS from page 1

campus, which should work to bridge the gap between Baylor and the Waco community.

“A major focus in the north campus plan, is to expand the buildings relating to performing and visual arts,” he said. “That’s the area that people in Waco, and surrounding areas, will

come when they go to an opera, or when they go to an art show. I think it will provide a much more focused and coordinated venue for such events, and that will draw more people in the community to the university.”

Long-term improvements for the campus are constantly in motion, Ramsower said. The university is currently working with architects from Austin.

“We want to create areas best described as quads around campus; areas like the one by Old Main and Draper, where you can just stand there and feel like you are on real college campus,” he said. “The aesthetics of a campus has a lot to do with not only the buildings themselves, but what’s between the buildings and creating memorable spots for students.”

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