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THE BAYLOR LARIAT

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Bill denounces racial clashes, Obama-bound

By Kate Williams
Reporter

Interim president David Garland told Student Senate Thursday evening that he was deeply embarrassed and extremely disturbed by the post-election activities of a few students.

A student reported a noose hanging from a tree outside of Morrison Hall Tuesday.

Later that evening, Baylor police broke up an on-campus shouting match between white and black students.

Garland said both the fighting and noose were upsetting and unacceptable.

"This is not who Baylor is, and this is not who our students are, either," he said.

In response to the incidents, Student government passed a bill of disapproval on behalf of the student body.

Student Senate Activity Report
11/6/2008

Bill Approved This Week:
BRH Choir Allocation
Amount Given: \$ 2,201.50

Bill Approved This Week:
Miss Phi Iota Alpha Pageant
Amount Given: \$ 4,037.46

Bill Approved This Week:
African Student Association
African Cultural Extravaganza
Amount Given: \$ 3,667.99

Level of Student Government
Allocation Fund as of Nov. 6:
\$ 2,328.80

"The resolution passed is intended to express senate's disapproval of Tuesday's incident acts and to express support for our nation during this



Christina Kruse/Lariat Staff

Interim president David Garland expressed his disapproval of the racially charged incidents during the Student Senate meeting Thursday evening. A bill was created that denounced the incidents and was distributed to appropriate outlets including president-elect Barack Obama.

transition of leadership," said Bryan Fonville, student body president.

The bill will be distributed to

the appropriate outlets, including President-Elect Barack Obama, as soon as possible, Fonville said.

Garland, who was out of town on Tuesday, was informed

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Team created in response to racial incidents

Jade Ortego
Staff Writer

In response to racially charged events on Election Day, Baylor has decided to implement a new initiative to allow students to come forward and report prejudiced activity on campus.

The Bias Motivated Incident Support Team is intended to create a safe and confidential environment for students to seek counsel if they feel they've been treated unfairly because of their gender, race, ethnicity or anything else.

"We believe this serves a need that's apparent right now," said Karla Leeper, chief of staff to the president, who will act as the team's "liaison to the outside world."

The group has been in planning since last spring, when members of Student Life went

to the University of Indiana and saw that they had a similar program.

The team was supposed to begin work in January, but in light of recent events, members decided to begin today.

Sometimes biased incidents that hurt people are not technically illegal, or the student doesn't have sufficient evidence to prove it, so they might not feel comfortable or justified going to the police, Leeper said.

The support team will have no police officers, lawyers or members of administration.

This is so students won't have to worry about backlash or unwanted attention from reporting behavior, Leeper said.

"This is not a group with formal authority to punish anyone," Leeper said.

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Alex Song/Lariat Staff

'X' marks the spot

Jeff Goodman, recreation superintendent of the City of Waco (left), and Kathryn Nichols, National Park Service brainstorm new designs for the Brazos and Bosque River Corridor during the Rivers & Trails Conservation Planning meeting in McLennan Community College Conference Center. They reflect over some ideas from professional sketch artist and community members.

Campus ROTC detachment ranked best in nation

By Ashley Erikson
Reporter

Baylor's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps received an award for the best detachment in the nation, just in time for the AFROTC's 60-year anniversary.

Detachment 810 of Baylor competed against 144 other detachments in the nation, receiving the "High Flight" award for best in the Southwest, as well as the "Right of Line" award for best in the nation.

"Right of Line stems from an old military term, 'Your best is always on the right of your line,'" said Col. Dan Leonard, the detachment commander.

Leonard, who has worked at Baylor for more than two years, said Baylor's detachment is one of the oldest in the country.

At an annual AFROTC conference held on Oct. 29, the awards were announced. It wasn't until the morning of the Baylor Homecoming Parade that Leonard informed the cadet wing about their win.

"It made the cadets hold their heads a little higher (during the parade)," Leonard said. "When people are cheering, it makes the cadets realize that serving our country is something that people appreciate."

By training and focusing on leadership, the AFROTC's efforts won them the "Right of Line" award, said Bay City senior and Cadet Colonel Chad Hossier, who is the AFROTC's vice commander.

"We're really trying to focus on things the wing can become and we want the kind of people who strive to do something



Baylor Photography

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps was recognized for having the 'best detachment' in the nation. ROTC beat out 144 other schools for the award, including Texas A & M University and The University of Texas.

with themselves," he said.

New leaders are selected each semester which gives every one

a chance to learn first-hand.

"The Air Force has high standards; we pick and choose the

ones we want," Leonard said.

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Religion, satire at center of film, debuts at Baylor

By Chad Shanks
Staff Writer

Baylor students were the first American audience to screen a new documentary on religious satire Thursday evening.

Canadian filmmaker Murray Stiller screened his documentary "Nailin' It to the Church: Religious Satire and The Gospel According to The Wittenburg Door" to Prof. Chris Hansen's Film and Digital Media Field Productions class.

Baylor was Stiller's first U.S. stop on his promotional tour.

"This class is all about independent film production and students are making their own films this semester. Having an independent filmmaker in town to engage the students is an opportunity we did not want to pass up," Hansen said.

The film chronicles The Wittenburg Door, a Dallas-based magazine that satirizes Christians and Christian culture. According to Stiller, The Wittenburg Door, sometimes known simply as The Door, satirizes Christians who take themselves too seriously.

Baylor journalism professor Bob Darden, who appears in the film, has served as senior editor of the magazine for 20 years.

"I hope this film brings attention to what the magazine is trying to do - to use humor and satire to hold a mirror up to the evangelical community," Darden said.

Stiller, the son of a Pentecostal minister, set out last year on a 17-state quest interviewing satirists to make a documentary on religious satire, but decided to focus the film on The Door and its scathing critiques of contemporary Christianity, especially of televangelists.

Stiller documents how The Door used satirical humor to function as a watchdog for people being deceived and swindled by health and wealth televangelists like Robert Tilton and Benny Hinn.

"This film was therapy for me," Stiller said. "It's very critical of Christianity, but it's beneficial to Christians because it helps us to separate what we believe and what is our own selfishness."

Stiller also notes that religious television is not as popular in Canada as in the U.S. and he was shocked the first time he witnessed the brazen antics of American televangelists.

"The point of the film is to create conversation," he added. "People are responding positively because they realize they don't have to take their faith so seriously. People disillusioned with faith are responding strongly as well as non-Christians and atheists who are learning more about what it means to be a

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Editorial

Immediate action needed in response to racism

Racial tensions soured jubilation on campus Tuesday night in response to the naming of Barack Obama as president-elect. A rope tied in the shape of a noose was spotted in a tree on campus and Obama campaign signs were burned in the Brooks Village fire pit. Verbal altercations also arose.

These acts were disgusting and condemnable. While the university spoke out against the acts, more must be done by university officials and students to raise awareness of racial tension at our university and across the nation. Taking precautions against further racial disputes cannot be overdone.

Interim President David Garland issued a statement Wednesday rebuking the acts.

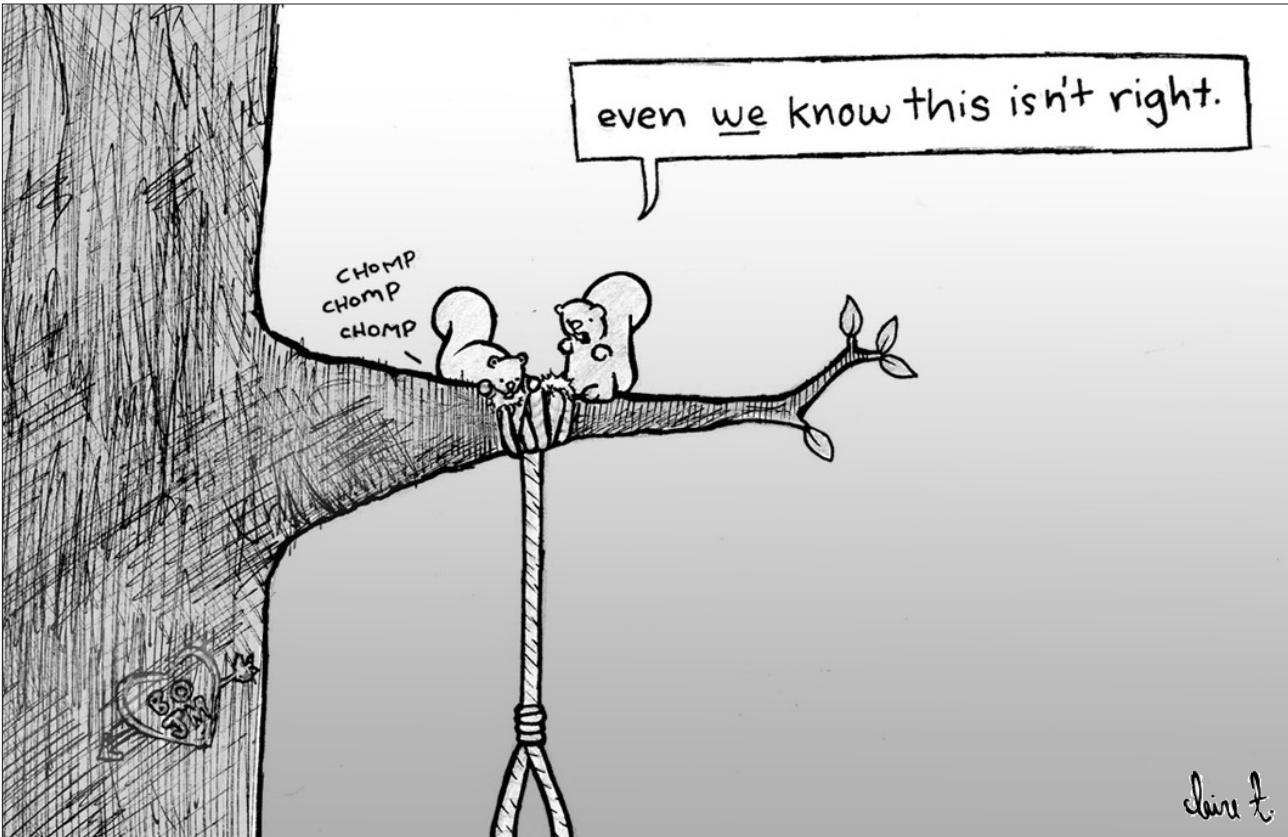
“These events are deeply disturbing to us and are antithetical to the mission of Baylor University,” the statement reads. “We categorically denounce and will not tolerate racist acts of any kind on our campus.”

The university also formed the Bias Motivated Intent Support Team, a committee established as an intermediary between students and authorities if they feel they have been discriminated against. The committee, which will be available for students starting today, wasn’t planned to officially launch until next semester, but the unfortunate events of Election Day pushed committee members to start serving students immediately.

The creation of this organization is long overdue. Last spring, a student who recently converted to the Jewish faith found a Swastika drawn on the wall next to his dorm room. Why wasn’t this committee established then? Why didn’t such a committee take shape after an unofficial Sigma Alpha Epsilon ghetto theme party infuriated black students or after a Muslim woman was attacked on Baylor’s campus in April 2006?

It seems as if the committee was only quickly thrown together after Tuesday night’s incident attracted such negative attention nationwide. Is this simply a way for university officials to project to horrified students, alumni and citizens across America that necessary steps are being taken to solve this problem? It seems a little like damage control. Baylor should have taken proactive measures years ago to foster healthy relations among students. What the university is doing now is retroactive, but at this point, it’s the best they can do.

As for the individuals responsible for hanging the noose, if they are students, they should face the university sanction of expulsion in addition to criminal charges. The noose citing has under-



standably hit Waco hard, considering that this city is still remembered for its brutal lynchings such as the “Waco Horror” of 1916 when a 17-year-old male was brutally burned, mutilated and hanged outside of the McLennan County Courthouse.

Events that occurred on campus Tuesday night were a painful reminder that racism still exists.

Perhaps those who sang the praises of the race neutrality of young voters shortly after Obama won gave our generation too much credit. While incidences on Baylor’s campus were presumably sparked by just a few students, it reflects poorly on our entire generation and more specifically on our Christian university. At a Christian university we should answer to a higher morality, one that says we are all family and should treat others the way we want to be treated. Racism has no place at Baylor University.

It’s important to note that racial confrontations in response to the election have not occurred solely at Baylor. Last week, a life-sized effigy of Obama was discovered hanging in a tree at the University of Kentucky. At Middle Tennessee State University, a pumpkin bearing Obama’s face was stabbed and covered in red paint. At North Carolina State University, negative Obama messages were written in the “Free Expression” tunnel.

Although late, let’s hope that the formation of the Bias Motivated Intent Support Team will deflect future intolerance on our campus and that those responsible for hanging the noose will be dealt with justly.

Letters to the editor

End of election is time to reunite

With the conclusion of this year’s presidential election, it is time for our nation to reunite. That is why I have been extremely disappointed and embarrassed to hear about the hostile reaction of Baylor students to the outcome of the election – burning Obama memorabilia, shouting racial slurs at one another, and displaying the threatening symbol of a noose on campus.

This change of leadership is definitely a competition, but it should not be such a nasty one. Throughout the campaigns, I have been repeatedly upset by the harsh cruelty, not of the candidates, but of their supporters. While I laugh along with Saturday Night Live and The Daily Show in poking a little fun at our leaders, the vicious attacks I have seen comparing Barack Obama to Hitler or John McCain to Pontius Pilate are wholly uncalled for. These misguided attempts at patriotism are anything but patriotic.

I understand and respect passion, but it must be well-founded. Galatians 4:18 tells us that “it is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good.” Sowing dissension and bitterness is a decidedly unworthy purpose. Elections, and politics in general, should not be about blind adherence to any party or candidate but thoughtful consideration about the policies and leaders that will most benefit the nation as a whole. With the votes counted, the United States now has one president over one

people.

In order to bring the change he speaks of as well as to enact positive Republican legislation, we must work together respectfully as brothers and sisters in our United States.

*Elizabeth Queen
Social Work, 2011.*

Nothing good comes from hate

What good comes from hate? What change happens when there’s hate in our heart?

I was full of emotions while watching CNN Tuesday night. As a black person, I am so blessed to live to see the election of a black president.

While I updated my status on Facebook, my emotion of happiness turned into disgust. I couldn’t believe the amount of hateful messages. I’m not talking, “Oh man McCain lost. This sucks.” I’m merely talking about the pure hate and racist comments that appeared some people’s statuses. I guess politics bring out people’s true colors.

Hearing and reading about students committing acts of hate on campus against other students is more disheartening. In my 22 years of life, I have not been so disappointed. I’ve always believed that in America, we have the right to agree to disagree. Furthermore as a Christian, I fully extend loving the other person no matter how much you disagree with them.

The disappointment isn’t isolated to just one group or one party. Hate of any kind toward

anyone (Obama supporters or McCain supporters) is not right and should not be tolerated. America can not be united if we decide to divide ourselves with abhorrence.

I don’t expect everyone to rejoice because of the election’s outcome. I don’t expect everyone on Baylor’s campus to hold hands and sing ‘We are the World.’ The odds of that happening are slim to none.

We do however need to realize hate never has and never will solve anything.

*Clarissa Nash
Journalism, 2009*

Racist actions are intolerable

I’m absolutely horrified and astonished at the racist, intolerant actions of some Baylor students, as noted in the Nov. 6 Lariat article, “Noose Ignites Tempers on Campus.” Really, Baylor?! Burning Obama signs? A noose? It has always been my understanding that the Bible preaches love for others (John 13:34-35; Romans 12:10; 1 John 4:7-21; Lev 19:18; etc.); apparently to certain members of the Baylor community, this only applies if “others” are white and/or conservative. My faith in my alma mater has been greatly diminished by the asinine actions of a few. I’m now ashamed to call myself a Baylor Bear, which is disheartening; I know I’m not the only alumnus who feels this way.

*Traci Anne Koller
B.A. Journalism ‘05
New York, NY*

Senseless acts bring shame

I just wanted to write in about the issues that have arisen on and around the Baylor Campus. I am a Baylor ‘07 graduate and was appalled to hear about the noose tied up on campus!

I cannot believe such a thing would be done by so called “educated” people. Not to mention by people who pride themselves on being “good” Christians! I have never been so ashamed of my alma mater!

I know that this senseless act was committed by a only a few, however it destroys the good name Baylor has tried to create for itself. I urge current students to support one another for these differences.

The president has been chosen now, and it’s time to try and help make a difference and not rip each other apart, which is the only thing that senseless act could have accomplished.

Melissa La Marr, ‘07

Character not based on color

As a devoted Republican and usually proud Bear, I have to say that I am extremely disappointed and disturbed to hear of the racially motivated activities on campus this week.

I know that it is easy to get swept up in the emotions of these historic events, but it is vital that we, as Baylor family and as Christians, remember that God created each of us to be equal.

I have never seen a biblical reference in which God has denounced one of His children

based on the color of their skin. Have you?

I did not vote for Senator, now President-elect, Obama. I will, however, pray for him regularly. I will pray that God will guide his actions as our president. I will pray that he will do his best to better our nation, and our world.

I hope that, in the wake of these recent incidences, each of you at Baylor will consider that it is not the color of a person’s skin which reveals his character, but the actions they take in revealing the content of his heart.

J. Autumn Barton, ‘99

Assumptions in Proposition 8 column creates weak argument

Ms. Ortego made several unfounded assumptions in her Nov. 6 Point of View.

First, she argues that California’s rejection of gay marriage was “in the interest of hate and oppression,” which to me seems a little extreme. Californians didn’t reject proposition 8 because they hate homosexuals, and banning gay marriage hardly seems oppressive. Accepting same-sex couples does not entail legally endorsing them.

Second, Ms. Ortego argues that Baylor has draconian policies regarding gay rights. I disagree. Baylor is a Christian university, and it would be irresponsible to ignore the Bible’s condemnations of homosexuality all for the sake of being politically correct.

To illustrate how Baylor represses gay activism, Ms. Ortego

mentions how several members of Soulforce were arrested for chalking pro-gay messages on campus. She neglects to mention that they ignored direct orders from police officers who asked them to stop. Soulforce is hardly heroic for stubbornly refusing to put down their sidewalk chalk. That’s just child’s play.

With so many assumptions being made, the careful reader will find that Ms. Ortego appears as blindly idealistic as those she condemns. I believe that a strong argument can be made for same-sex marriage, but Ms. Ortego did not make it.

*Brian Fuller
Philosophy 2009*

Health food stores exist in Waco

I was reading the article about the health food industry being under-represented in the Waco area and you state that the closest health food store is Discover Natural Foods in Temple.

I am the owner of Connor Health Foods here in Waco. We are located at 27th & Waco Dr. and have been at this location since 1989. We have been in business since 1969, when my mother, also a Baylor graduate, started the business. I am a little confused why you would not know that there has been a health food store in Waco for quite some time.

Nick Connor, ‘73

Editor’s note: Mr. Connor, thank you for informing us of your store. We apologize for overlooking it.

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Plaid and stripes

Dallas freshman Trey Prohaska (left) and Waxahachie freshman Nathan Larson play golf on campus Thursday afternoon.

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Christian, instead of getting caught up in the politicized Christianity seen on TV.”

Stiller is already facing lawsuits from televangelists, but is not worried because he thinks the lawsuits are great for marketing.

“I hope American audiences love the film and help spread the message, or at least send me more hate mail,” Stiller said.

Stiller admits the film raises more questions than it solves and its critics claim it only airs

Christian dirty laundry, but the overall reception has been positive.

“It was very thought-provoking. I didn’t necessarily disagree with everything, but it did touch a nerve in a few areas,” said Memphis junior Chris Lane. “I would suggest this film to everyone who can take a joke about their faith.”

The Wittenburg Door, whose intentionally misspelled title is an allusion to Martin Luther’s infamous nailing of the 95 theses, began publication in 1971. Its religious satire has been

utilized my several popular comedy outlets, including The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Due to financial difficulties and the death of managing editor Harry Guetzlaff, The Door suspended printing operations in late 2007.

Updates and archives can be found at their website: www.wittenburgdoor.com.

“Nailin’ It to the Church” is screening this weekend at the Dallas Video Film Festival.

DVDs are available for purchase on the website: www.nailintothethechurch.com.

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of the incident through an e-mail. He said he is working with administration to take the appropriate action.

“Whoever hung the noose has deeply embarrassed the university and we will not tolerate it,” he said.

Students overwhelmingly agreed with Garland when he said that the discriminatory actions of a few students were hampering the mission of the university.

“We pride our self as a Christian university and when things like this occur, it is easier for people to say ‘ah-ha,’” Garland said.

Plano junior Rani Baranzi said the events were threatening and violent.

“I find it scary that this happened, we are supposed to be uniting a country,” Baranzi said.

Beaumont sophomore Will Fuller told Garland that 99.9 percent of students at Baylor

are not racially discriminatory.

“The actions of a few are putting a stain over Baylor,” Fuller said.

Garland nodded his head in agreement and stated he hoped that Student Senate would help the university respond to any incident involving race on campus.

“The administration is trying to make a statement that this is not who Baylor is, but (Student Government) should too,” he said.

In response to the concerns of students, Dub Oliver, Vice President of Student Life, confirmed the university is moving forward with a new biased-incident program.

It will aim at helping students deal with various prejudices.

“We have begun working on a biased incident response team, which is a place students can go to and share particular bias issues,” he said.

The idea for a biased response team began around this time last year, Oliver

said.

However, Tuesday’s incident prompted the response team’s staff to begin the program as soon as possible.

“The (bias response) team will walk with a student in a formal mechanism so they know what the appropriate actions are,” Oliver said.

Virgin Islands Senior Morgan Black said forming a partnership between students and administration is part of solving on-campus discrimination.

“Opening the lines between the students and administration lets everyone know we do not tolerate this type of behavior,” Black said.

Garland closed the evening by stating that the university will begin building from the ground up to facilitate the most effective response possible.

“We are a very diverse campus and we are going to have to learn this is who we are and that we need to get along together,” he said.

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“Those with the right tools will quickly rise to the top.”

Judges considered categories such as production, recruiting, retention, cadet activities and community involvement.

Murrieta, Calif. senior and wing commander Brad Sanders and Hossier said the award was a result of two years of hard work across the detachment.

“What’s amazing is that we were competing against other major schools, like UT and

A&M, and we were able to come out on top,” said Hossier.

When Baylor shows up, other schools take a step back, Sanders said.

“Baylor has a reputation for strong cadets who go out to perform and to win,” he said.

The four-year program takes cadets through Air Force history, field training and preparation for active duty, as well as teaching leadership training.

Baylor’s AFROTC hosts drill meets, an annual Veterans Day event, and now has a Living-

Learning Center in Kokernot Residence Hall.

“Cadets really enjoy the camaraderie and it’s helped out with our retention rates,” Leonard said.

In a military-level inspection held once every three years, Baylor AFROTC scored excellent in every category but one, which was scored as outstanding, he said.

“It’s good for bragging rights,” Leonard said. “It makes you feel good that you’re part of a team that’s high performing.”

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The team will be comprised of students, faculty and representatives of the counseling services. All members have some experience dealing with diversity issues and some experience with mediation, Leeper said.

Leeper said that the team will advise the student on how to handle harassment or offen-

sive behavior, such as seeking help from the Baylor Police or just confronting someone.

Information on the incidents will be collected, without names, and presented to the president so that measures can be enacted to address problematic areas. “Are their particular areas of campus where incidents occur, or certain types of students, or certain times?” Leeper said.

Any student who feels mis-

treated is encouraged to contact the team at bmist@baylor.edu.

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‘Role Models’ offers comedic lines, solid plot

By Alex Maxwell
Reporter

“Role Models” is a slap-in-the-face comedy that had me laughing, but also tugged at my heart between the slaps.

MOVIE REVIEW

Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott star as two salesmen, Danny and Wheeler, who trash a company truck and are arrested. After the trial, the court gives them a choice: go to jail or spend 150 hours with a mentorship program. But, after one day with their assigned kids, jail seems like it would have been the better option.

I went into the movie anticipating a typical comedy. By typical, I mean a movie where there are one-liners every couple of minutes that crack up the audience, but it lacks real plot and the story never fully develops. “Role Models,” however, was different. Although it had one-liners that kept the audience laughing, it actually had a developed story and plot. The movie seemed to be well planned out to the point that each character grew and gained something by



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Paul Rudd, center-left, and Sean William Scott, center-right, star as salesman who are required to complete community service in a mentoring program after vandalizing a company truck.

the end of the movie.

The plot kept me interested in what was going to happen next. Each character had their own battle to face and mountain to climb. I would start to expect a character to do one thing, but then something else would happen in scenes that I never expected.

The combination of one-liners and entertaining plot

story had me glued to my seat. Each time there was a transition between the sub-plots, I would find myself anxious for it to transition back so I could see what was going to happen next. I didn't have the urge to get up and get some popcorn or take a bathroom break — I wanted to see every minute of this movie.

My expectations changed within the first 10 minutes of

the movie and I was shocked as the story unfolded, especially towards the end. The conclusion of the movie had the audience in hysterics, and the occasionally clap signalled some intense laughter. The characters made the movie. I never knew what they were going to say or do next. Rudd and Scott's characters were so funny individually they could have had a movie of their own. Danny and Wheeler are polar opposites, which made the interaction between the two of them comical.

Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Bobb'e Thompson co-star as the two boys mentored by Rudd and Scott's characters. The kids characters were strong enough to carry a movie just about their lives.

You really began to feel for the characters. The writing and directing of this movie allowed

for time to think about each character's situation and try to imagine what they would do next, but my guesses weren't always right. The sentimental story is border-line sweet. Not the chick-flick kind of sweet, but sweet nonetheless.

The “r” rating may turn some students away, but the movie definitely desires the rating. The strong language and sexual content surprised me, considering the title of the movie and young kids being the co-stars.

Even though I was surprised by some of the scenes that the child co-stars were in, I think a lot of the humor derived from those situations.

“Role Models” is a cross between “Superbad” and “Big Daddy.” It has the comedy of “Superbad” combined with the sentimental story of “Big Daddy.” It is both hilarious and heartwarming, while retaining its entertainment value.

This movie is for anyone who enjoys a comedy with a little bit of heart. “Role Models” is fun movie to watch and kept me laughing in and out of the theater.

Grade: A-

International festival to showcase 9 films

By Melanie Crowson
Reporter

Nine films. Six countries. Three nights of a local approach to international film and the cultures that the films represent — all made possible by students.

Baylor Film and Digital Media and the Film and Global Culture Engaged Learning Group are holding the first Baylor International Film Festival, which begins 7 p.m. tonight in Bennett Auditorium. The festival continues into the weekend and ends 7 p.m. Sunday and is free of charge.

The idea of holding a film festival stemmed from the ELG last semester after the ELG attended a school-funded trip to the American Film Institute Dallas International Film Festival.

“And during the summer, people (from the ELG) threw together some stuff and said, ‘Okay, we’re going to do this.’ And it all started from there,” said Houston sophomore Jacob Vonnannon, who is the in charge of organizing the festival.

Engaged Learning Groups are groups of selected freshmen that attend 1-hour discussion seminars for 3 semesters,

focusing on a certain topic. The Film and Global Culture ELG is focused on cinema and uses a variety of approaches to understanding film, according to the ELG Web site.

Communication studies professor Christopher Hansen is the director of the Film and Global Culture ELG and film scholar. Hansen said that he, Dr. Jim Kendrick and Dr. Xin Wang created the ELG as a way to bring freshmen into groups that focus on film from different angles. The International Film Festival is another way that the ELG can learn from and understand film — by organizing and distributing films.

“It’s something the entire campus can partake in and enjoy,” said New Orleans sophomore Braden Yandel. Yandel is in charge of planning for the festival.

Even if students don’t have knowledge about international film, they can enjoy the festival,

Vonnannon said.

“The different movies bring different world perspectives but still there a lot of connections — in film — to America,” he said.

The film screenings will be in Bennett Auditorium, Fountain Mall and Castellaw Communications Center.

The two Fountain Mall screenings, or “Silver Screenings,” will be shown on a 20-foot inflatable screen and popcorn will be provided to all who attend.

There will also be speakers prior to the screening of a number of the films, whose role is to explain the culture, language and history of the country the movie is from, to the audience.

“We’re essentially going to foreign language (departments) or foreign experts,” said Hansen. “Hopefully we will have a good number of people introduce (the movies) that can give a good contextual basis for a film,” Hansen said.

The speakers are from vari-

ous language and cultural backgrounds.

“One of the biggest things that we’ve learned through this class is that it does help to have an understanding of the cultures where these films have come from,” said Yandel. “A lot of the messages in these films are universal and it’s going to be stuff that everybody seeing the films are going to love.”

The films were selected by the Film and Global Culture ELG. Each group submitted film suggestions and after discussions, the committee for the festival chose which films would be screened in the festival.

“It’s to provide a cultural benefit for the campus from the ELG program,” Hansen explained.

The goal of the festival is to expose students to international film and for students to be both entertained and informed, Hansen said.

“Ultimately, we all like a good film,” he said.

Film Festival Schedule	
Friday	
7 p.m. “Paris Je T’aime” Bennett Auditorium	
10 p.m. “Death of a Cyclist” 101 Castellaw Communications Center	
12 a.m. “Pan’s Labyrinth” 101 Castellaw	
Saturday	
4 p.m. “Spirited Away” Bennett Auditorium	
7 p.m. “Son of Rambow” Fountain Mall	
10 p.m. “Hero” Fountain Mall	
Sunday	
1 p.m. “Killing Fields” Bennett Auditorium	
4 p.m. “Yojimbo” Bennett Auditorium	
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Baylor players celebrate a victory against the University of Texas in the early 1980s. Former head coach Grant Teaff (center) coached for 21 years and is Baylor's longest tenured coach.

Worm once aided in Texas defeat

By Kyle McKanna
Reporter

Ask any coach at any level and they will say their careers are summed up by two things: wins and losses. Ask anyone else however, and they will give specific instances that define sports' most famous skippers. For Bobby Knight, it was throwing a chair across a basketball court while at Indiana. For Oklahoma State University football coach Mike Gundy, it was his high-decibel "I'm a man," rant during a press conference last season. For legendary Baylor football coach Grant Teaff, it very well may be what he did leading up to the Texas versus Baylor game in 1978. The 2-8 Bears were finishing up a tumultuous season that included road games against Ohio State University, the University of Georgia and the University of Kentucky. "Back then we played the who's who of the top 10," Teaff said. "The year before Kentucky had gone 11-1. We were the one." Injuries had plagued the Bears that season, and with a game against No. 9 Texas coming up, Teaff said he knew his struggling passing attack wasn't going to cut it. In a move that football fans now know as the Wildcat formation, the coach said he decided to put a running back at quarterback and run the option. The players caught on to the new system, and a good week of practice had Baylor feeling confident they could pull the upset. "I had never seen a better week of preparation," Teaff said. "We had lost some close games, so it was important we found a

way to win." Whether he knew it or not, Teaff said he was about to make sure that happened. After practice on Thursday, Coach Teaff said he gathered his players up to discuss the upcoming game. Coach Teaff then went on to describe a story to his team. The story he told was about two Eskimos who were out fishing one cold winter morning. One of the Eskimos was having a great deal of success and had been catching fish all morning, while the other Eskimo had not even gotten a bite. Disgusted, the struggling Eskimo asked the other "How is it that you are catching fish and I'm not?" The other Eskimo smiled and then replied, "Your worms are frozen." Then he pulled a worm out of his mouth and said "You've got to keep your worms warm." Teaff says the story was more about getting his players focused than motivation, but those who heard it did not take it as such. A player on the team was moved by the story and asked Coach Teaff to retell it before the game against Texas. That's when the coach got an idea. The next day, moments before the Bears were to take the field against the visiting Longhorns, Coach Teaff told the story of the fishing Eskimos again, he said. He reiterated the point of the story - that what you have to do may be painful or distasteful, but it's what you've got to do. The Bears were ready, he said. They had a good week of practice, an unexpected scheme and an unprecedented focus. Coach Teaff said he knew all these things, so he left his players with one thought before they stepped between the lines that day.

"This game is yours," he said to the team. "There's not a thing us coaches can do. But while you're on the field, I'll keep the worms warm." Then, Teaff said he smiled like the Eskimo in the story and pulled a fat, juicy worm out of his mouth. The players were shocked, he said. This was far more foreign from anything he had ever done. They weren't sure what to think. But whatever it got them thinking, it was the right thing. Baylor went on to beat Texas that day, 38-14. According to cference.net, a college football statistics Web site, it was one of only 22 wins all time over Texas for the Bears. Teaff said he still claims it had nothing to do with his pre-game antics, but rather the week of preparation on strategy. "What I did was not motivational," Teaff said. "It was a psychological ploy to let them know the first bad thing that happened wasn't going to push them over the edge. I don't think it probably had anything to do with it. It just made them loose." A fan wouldn't expect him to take credit for his team's success, the great ones never do.

Former basketball player recalls integration experience

Jillian Henderson
Reporter

Nooses, racial slurs, and intolerance are all things the community is still dealing with today, 50 years after integration occurred in the 1960s. Progress is being made with the election of the first black president, Barack Obama, Tuesday, as compared to many years ago when the nation experienced segregation. Today, Tommy L. Bowman, member of the Baylor University Board of Regents, and former Baylor basketball player, manages the a scrap metal recycling company, M. Lipsitz and Co., in Waco. Before he joined the team as a freshman in 1966, Bowman had to overcome racial issues, he said. Bowman, who played as the starting forward on Baylor's varsity basketball team, was the first black athlete to be recruited and given a Baylor scholarship. "I had a really pleasant experience," Bowman said. "I stayed mostly with the players. I was totally accepted by them." Bowman, originally from Athens, Texas, chose to come to Baylor because he said he

felt comfortable being at a small school. "Coming from a small town I felt like I could make the team there at Baylor." Race relations on Baylor's basketball team was not really an issue, Bowman said. "There were never any issues on the team with regard to blacks and whites," he said. "We were quite competitive on the court but it was with the competitive spirit. I'm still pretty close to some of the guys on the team. I had no problems at all with the Baylor players." Former Baylor basketball teammate and former Waco Sen. David Sibley is a longtime friend of Bowman. "We played together in 1966 as freshman and we have always remained close," Sibley said. "He's a great guy and was always very thorough." Bowman said the hardest part about his integration into Baylor wasn't on the court, but instead being in the classroom. "I had to take speech 101 and I was quite terrified," Bowman said. "I was intimidated by being a minority at Baylor University. I didn't sleep the night before. It didn't take me long to figure out we were all the same." Senior lecturer of journalism

Maxey Parrish said he remembers coming to basketball games and watching Bowman play. "He was a great player," Parrish said. "He always played the game very hard and with great skill. He had a great sense of class and dignity about him. You could see how he conducted himself on the court and he was just a real good player." Bowman's best experience at Baylor was the relationships that he made while he was a student. "I got a good education, but I still cherish the relationships that I developed at Baylor University," Bowman said. The nation has progressed from integrating students into schools and onto teams to electing its first black president. "It's historic," Bowman said. "It probably means more to me and people in my community than anything else. I never expected to see it in my lifetime." Overall, the experience at Baylor was a good one, and race did not play a negative role, Bowman said. "If I had it to do all over again, as far as the university, I would make the same choice," he said.

Bush to see Obama in Oval Office

By Ben Feller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Barack Obama on Monday will hold their first substantive talks about the nation's daunting priorities as the transition to a Democratic administration accelerates. Bush, soon to return to Texas after two terms in office, ordered employees on Thursday to ensure a smooth transfer of power to Obama. The transition is a delicate dance in which the White House keeps the president-elect in the loop, and even solicits his input, but the decisions remain solely


the president's. On Monday's discussion list for the current and future presidents: the financial crisis and the war in Iraq. "We face economic challenges that will not pause to let a new president settle in," Bush told a gathering of hundreds of employees from the presidential bureaucracy, gathered on the back lawn of the White House. "This will also be America's first wartime presidential transition in four decades," he said. "We're in a struggle against violent extremists determined to attack us, and they would like nothing more than to exploit this period of change to harm

the American people." That sobering depiction came as Bush and Obama firmed up plans for their first meeting since Obama defeated Republican John McCain in Tuesday's election. Bush and first lady Laura Bush will greet Obama and his wife, Michelle, at the White House on Monday afternoon. Bush and the president-elect will meet in the Oval Office while the first lady gives Mrs. Obama a private tour of the White House residence. "I thank him for reaching out in the spirit of bipartisanship," the president-elect said of Bush in a statement.

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Name of the game for Longhorns: forget Texas Tech

By Colby White
The Daily Texan

The cure for any last-second, heartbreaking, national-title-hopes-busting loss is simple: a short memory.

SPORTS COLUMN

In a span of 1 minute, 29 seconds, Texas went from budgeting for a trip to Miami in early January to doing whatever they could to keep Blake Gideon and his slippery hands away from reporters.

Despite all the hype surrounding last week's thrilling 39-33 loss to Texas Tech in Lubbock, from the presence of ESPN's College Gameday to the Sports Illustrated photographers roaming the sideline, Texas has to forget it all.

But the season did not end with Texas Tech. Chances at a national title, yes. The season, no. Texas has to forget last week's disaster and move on.

There are still three games left for the Longhorns, all of

which have "trap game" written all over them.

Kansas has proven it was overrated coming into the season, but it will only be Texas' second true road game in conference play.

Afterward, the Longhorns come home to host rival Texas A&M, who always gets pumped for the Longhorns.

But first, there's this week's Baylor match-up.

Ever since Mack Brown took the reigns in 1998, the Bears' game has been a chance for Texas to pad its record.

Brown's teams have shut out Baylor four different times, have allowed more than two touchdowns only twice and never put up less than 30 points.

Despite the 3-6 record, this year's Baylor has a bright spot: Robert Griffin.

The four-star recruit from Copperas Cove has put some hope in a program that desperately needs it.

The freshman threw 209 straight pass attempts before throwing his first career inter-



Christina KruselLariat staff

Baylor running back Ray Simms (4), left, gains some yardage in the third quarter against the Missouri Tigers Nov. 1 at Floyd Casey Stadium. The Bears will play the Longhorns Saturday in Austin.

ception last week in a near-win against Missouri.

The streak broke the FBS record for most consecutive attempts to start a career, previously held by USC's Brad Otton.

All Baylor is waiting for is for Griffin to have his breakout game. A Texas team that starts two safeties and is trying to recover from a disappointing Tech loss could be the perfect candidate.

But before the Longhorns even show up Saturday, they have to do some forgetting.

They have to forget the image

of Graham Harrell completing four straight rapid-fire passes, three of which were first downs and stopped the clock, to take the Red Raiders 40 yards down the field.

They have to forget Michael Crabtree making his case as the best receiver in the nation with 10 receptions, 127 yards and the nail-in-the-coffin touchdown.

They have to forget that the Texas Tech defensive line made the rushing game look pathetic, allowing Texas running backs to only manage 64 rushing yards.

They have to forget about Texas Tech all together.

Baylor may stand against Longhorns

By Joe Holloway
Sports writer

How Baylor does Saturday against No. 5 University of Texas will depend largely on how the Longhorns react to an Texas Tech's upset 39-33 victory in Lubbock last weekend.

SPORTS COLUMN

The likely scenario has the Bears going down to Austin and walking into a newly renovated Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium packed to its capacity of over 94 thousand with angry, screaming Longhorn fans, irate from getting bumped from their No. 1 pedestal by the Red Raiders. They will have to face a Longhorns team that has every intention of pummeling the Bears mercilessly in an attempt to keep their National Championship hopes alive.

Faced with the stiffest competition since getting blown out 49-17 at home by then-No. 1 University of Oklahoma in the conference opener, Baylor is again outmatched by one of the nation's top teams and returns to Waco saddened but looking forward to dominating Texas A&M the very next week.

Most, save anyone actually on the Baylor football team, would readily admit this to be the probable sequence of events. But if there's anything to be learned from the past couple years of college football, it's that nothing is certain and no win is guaranteed. Scenario number two takes the improbable into account.

Angry from losing another 31-28 nail-biter to No. 13 University of Missouri, thoughts of a bowl game all but gone, and with very little left to lose, the Bears come out firing on all cylinders. The fury of the University of Texas fans fires them up even more and Baylor battles the Longhorns, still stunned from their loss to Texas Tech, to a narrow victory.

Of course there are also scenarios that include Baylor battling to another close loss, or the entire starting UT line-up coming down with severe kidney stones. With all of the Longhorns' best players sidelined by excruciating pain, the Bears would march to a glorious lopsided win and carry a goalpost up Interstate 35 all the way back to Waco. But for argument's sake, I'll focus on scenario two.




Just how could the Bears squeak out an upset in Austin?

If the Longhorns come out flat like they did against Texas Tech, freshman quarterback Robert Griffin has the tools to make them pay. Look for Griffin to try to pick on the Big 12's worst pass defense, all the while keeping them honest with his feet. Senior defensive end Brian Orakpo is UT's best shot at tracking down BU's speedster quarterback, but he might not even play due to a sprained left knee he suffered against Texas Tech. Even if he were to play at full strength, he'd still be hard pressed to track Griffin down, and should he try to play on the hurt knee he'd no doubt find it even more difficult.

The other key would have to include the Baylor defense as a whole. The secondary will have to be airtight. They'll get a little help if senior wide receiver Quan Cosby's back injury keeps him sidelined, but the Longhorns leading receiver, senior Jordan Shipley, will still be a constant threat that the Bears will have to shut down. If that's accomplished it will be on the defensive line and linebackers to contain UT's leading rusher, junior quarterback Colt McCoy, and keep an eye on the Longhorn backs that he likes to use as a check-down receiver.

It looks like a long shot. But the Bears aren't exactly the same doormats they used to be. Just ask Missouri, who despite losing to Texas have better offensive stats and a much better pass defense. Anything's possible.

Conference Comparison

		
		
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BACK TO BUSINESS

Big 12 title in Baylor’s sights

By Kyle McKanna
Reporter

After an incredible run last season that ended in the first round of the NCAA tournament, the Baylor men’s basketball team is ready to get back in action. “What happened last year? That was tough,” senior forward Kevin Rogers said of the team’s loss to Purdue. “I think we’re definitely prepared this year.”

What they are prepared for is anyone’s guess. With four returning starters and host of experience coming of the bench, there is seemingly no limit to how good the Bears can be this year.

“Our program is moving in the right direction,” sixth-year coach Scott Drew said. “Whenever you have a successful year it helps your confidence.”

The confidence that the players gained has already begun to show in practice. Senior guard Curtis Jerrells, who some feared may forego his senior season and enter the NBA Draft last year, has stepped in to the role as leader. “He’s been a leader really for the last three years,” Drew said of Jerrells, “He used to lead by example, now he is more vocal.”

Jerrells will have plenty of time to lead this season as the Bears welcome freshmen Quincy Acy, Anthony Jones and Kendall Wright to the team. “The young guys are ready and excited to play,” Jerrells said. “It’s a great asset. We can help bring them along.”

Joining a team of stars can be a difficult transition for freshmen, but Baylor’s youngsters seem to have a good grasp on how to handle in. “I know I’m supposed to be a role player,” Acy said. “I just try to come in and do my job.”

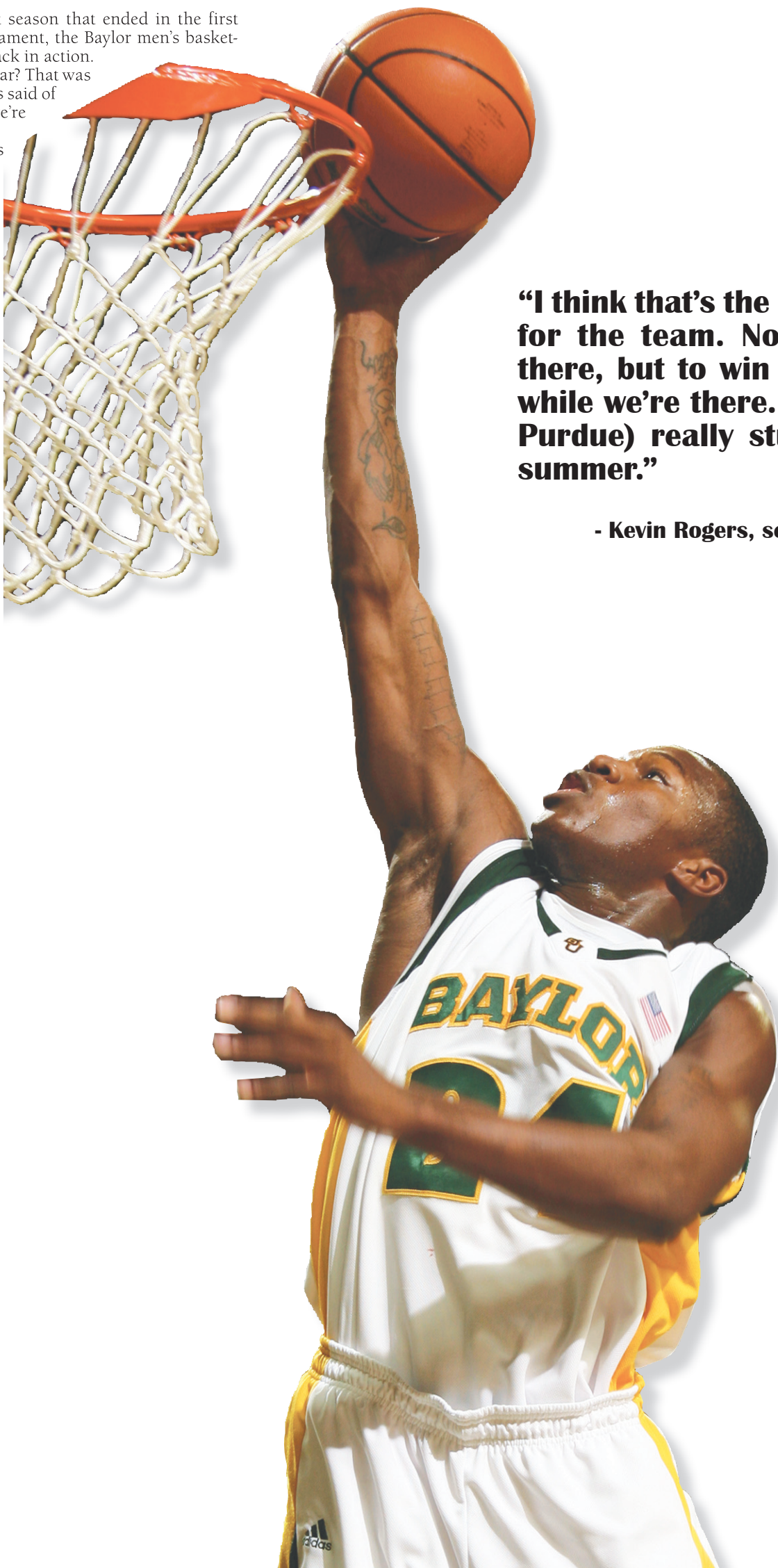
The Bears will again be competing for the Big 12 Conference title, a race they finished tied for fourth in last year, and see no reason why they can’t bring it back to Baylor.

“There’s really no team that’s head and shoulders above everybody else,” Drew said. “I think (the title) is very much within reach.”

Though a conference championship would be nice, the team knows it would merely be an added bonus to the team’s ultimate goal, the NCAA tournament. “I think that’s the biggest focus for the team,” Rogers said. “Not just to get there, but to win a few games while we’re there. It was our dream to come in a rewrite the history books.”

The men’s team will tip off their season at 7 p.m. Saturday in an exhibition game vs. Tarleton State University at the Ferrell Center. The match will give the Bears a good chance to evaluate their talent as they prepare for the 2008-09 season.

“A coach always wants to win,” Drew said. “But it’s important to find out about your team. We’re heading in the right direction, and we’re not too far off.”



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- Kevin Rogers, senior forward

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Baylor’s LaceDarius Dunn scores a lay-up last season. He is head coach Scott Drew’s first McDonald’s All-American, and is second on the team with 13.6 points per game.

Curtis Jerrells
senior guard



Jerrells

Jerrells returns for his senior season, after talk that he might leave for the NBA early. He is Baylor’s scoring leader with 15.3 points per game.

LaceDarius Dunn
sophomore guard



Dunn

Dunn is Drew’s first McDonald’s All-American, and proved it last year by scoring 13.6 points per game even with a strained MCL.

Tweety Carter
junior guard



Carter

Carter is undersized, but fast. He saw increased action last year, but will have to prove himself as Drew will likely use a two-guard set.

Mamadou Diene
senior center



Diene

Diene is a defender but his shooting has been lacking. If he can pick up the pace on the other end, his 7-foot-1 frameshould get him NBA looks.

Kevin Rogers
senior forward



Rogers

Baylor’s only true forward last year returns for his final round at Ferrell Center. He will likely split time with Quincy Acy and Anthony Jones.

Scott Drew
Alma Mater: Butler
6 years at BU



Drew

Drew has been a recruiting genius, bringing All-Americans and former NBA players to his bench and staff. The question is can he win the big game?

Preseason coaches poll

	1 @ OU Jan. 24 @ BU Feb. 11		7 @ MU Jan. 31
	2 @ BU Jan. 27 @ UT March 3		8 @ KSU Jan. 21
	T-3 Not applicable		9 @ BU March 7 (NU)
	T-3 @ BU Feb. 2		10 @ BU Jan. 10, @ TTU Feb. 7
	5 @ TAMU Jan. 14 @ BU Feb. 14		11 @ ISU Feb. 24
	6 @ BU Jan. 17 @ OSU Feb. 21		12 @ BU Feb. 28